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Rules on Armed Forces Day Commemorative Painting and Sculpture Contests announced

YANGON, 20 Aug — Hailing the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day which falls on 27 March 2005, the Painting and Sculpture Contests and Exhibition Organizing Sub-committee under the Poem and Arts Competitions Organizing Work Committee chaired by Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung announced rules on the Arts and Sculpture Contests.

Six categories

The Painting Contest will be divided into six categories — the pre-primary level (school children from Pre-Primary School, the primary (junior) level (KG, first and second standards), the primary (senior) level (third and fourth standards), the middle school level (fifth to seventh standards), the high school level (eighth to tenth standards and technical and agricultural schools) and the open level (university, college, institute, State School of Fine Arts, amateur and professional contestants).

Sculpture Contest

Contestants can participate in only the open class of the Sculpture Contest. But, they may take part in the two events—the open class (plaster) and the open class (wood). All the contestants including amateurs, professionals and students may take part in both contests.

In the pre-primary and all basic education levels of the Painting Contest, the size of the entry must be 20" x 15" presented by any colour and system. The entry must be endorsed by respective principals with the name of contestant, standard, school, township, date of birth, father's name, full address and two passport size photos. The entries are to be sent to the Education Planning and Training Department at 123, Natmauk Street, Bahan Township, not later than 1 March 2005.

The size of entries for the open division painting contest must be 30" x 20" size work presented by any colour and system. Name, Citizenship Scrutiny Card Number, date of birth, father's name, occupation and full address must be written with two passport size photos. The en-

tries must be own creation.

The entry for the wood and plaster events of the Sculpture Contest must not be higher than 36 inches and circumference not larger than 24 inches. The work must be own creation. The entry is to be attached with the name, Citizenship Scrutiny Card number, full address and a brief biography and three passport size colour photos.

Any title can be given to the entry. The entries must be the ones have not entered the contest and exhibition yet. The entries are to be sent to the Secretary of the Painting and Sculpture Contests and Exhibition Organizing Sub-committee, Tatmadaw Convention Hall, U Wisara Road, not later than 3 March 2005.

All the entries must reflect 12 Objectives of the State, objectives of the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day and 12 fine traditions of the Tatmadaw.

Entries for the open class painting and sculpture contests are to be sent to the Secretary of Myanmar Traditional Artists and Artisans Association (Central) of 187, east wing of Bogyoke Market, Pabedan Township, not later than 1 March 2005 or the Secretary of the Painting and Sculpture Contests and Exhibition Organizing Sub-committee, Tatmadaw Convention Hall, U Wisara Road, here, from 1 to 3 March 2005.

Other entries

Apart from the entries, other paintings and sculptures may be sent to be displayed at the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Exhibition. They must also reflect the 12 Objectives of the State, objectives of the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day and 12 fine traditions of the Tatmadaw.

In addition, the works may reflect the ancient Myanmar Tatmadaw, historic matters of the Tatmadaw which occurred in the periods of Pre-Independence and State Peace and Development Council, and its endeavours in safeguarding and developing the State. The other paintings and sculptures are to be sent directly to Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road from 1 to 5 March 2005.— MNA

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Gem & Jade Sales conclude

YANGON, 20 Aug — The 17th Gem and Jade Sales-2004 of the Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd concluded at the Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road here yesterday evening.

In the evening, 15 lots of gems were sold. The sales took place from 16 to 19 August. 899 local and foreign merchants purchased 245 lots of gems and 77 lots of jade through tender system and competitive bidding. UMEHL Managing Director Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Retd) and officials presented souvenirs to the

merchants who bought the gems and jade at the highest bid. — MNA

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Because of the growing global population, the demand for food, shelter and household items is rising, and at the same time, the forest areas in many countries of the world are dwindling because of the increasing human needs.

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A community-owned fuel wood plantation in Magway Township, Magway Division. — FORESTRY

Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 21 August, 2004

Make continued efforts for harmonious development of the Union

The Union of Myanmar is a land where various national races have been living in unity and amity from time immemorial. And the Government is trying its best for the nation to be able to be on a par with other nations of the world, adhering to its national policy — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.

In its march towards a modern and developed nation, the Government is striving for the simultaneous development of agriculture and agro-based industries through a harmonious cooperation between the State and the private sector.

Nowadays, due to wealth, development and technological divide among the international community, developing nations like Myanmar have to be trying very hard to protect their national interests. Moreover, some industrialized nations, making use of international organizations, are imposing various kinds of pressures and sanctions on Myanmar. And destructive elements within and without the Union, with the support and assistance of those nations, are always trying to hamper the Government's efforts for the development of the Union.

At such a time like this, all the national races of the Union, braving all obstacles, have to make relentless efforts to promote the interests of the nation as well as their own. They have to try to stand on their own feet among the nations of the world without being swayed by the influence of any one.

The Government is now implementing the development plan for border areas and national races, the 24-region development plan and the five rural development tasks for the harmonious development of all the regions in the Union. Moreover, it is building transport, education, health, economic and social infrastructures the length and breadth of the nation.

For our country to keep abreast of the development of other nations, all the national people of the Union have to make relentless efforts with strong determination. Only then will our goal be achieved. Now, with peace prevailing all over the Union and due to the cooperation between the Government, the people and the Tatmadaw, good strides are being made in each and every sector.

Therefore, we would like to call on the entire national people to continue working in concert with the Government till our national goal is achieved.

All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased

People's Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Cash donations invited for Maha Ratthabhi Samaggi Pagoda in Panglong

YANGON, 20 Aug — As the symbol of unity and consolidation of national brethren of the Union of Myanmar, the Maha Ratthabhi Samaggi Pagoda has been built on Vikasini Hill in Panglong, Loilem District, Shan State (South). Wellwishers may make cash donations for golden umbrella to be hoisted atop the pagoda and nine Buddha Images with different mudras (hand postures). A ceremony to make cash donations will be held at Vijaya Mingalar Dhamma Thabin Hall on Kaba Aye Hill here at 1 pm on 24 August. — MNA

Myanmar Academy of Medical Science to hold meeting on 25 Aug

YANGON, 20 Aug — The biannual plenary meeting of the Myanmar Academy of Medical Science for 2004 will be held at the meeting hall of the Institute of Nursing (Yangon) on Bogoyoke Aung San Street, Lanmadaw Township, here from 9 am to 1 pm on 25 August (Wednesday). Symposium on Township Health System will also be held and those wishing to attend it can get themselves registered beginning 8 am. — MNA

Swimming Championship ends

YANGON, 20 Aug — The prize presentation ceremony for the Commander-in-Chief (Navy)'s Shield Swimming Championship was held at the swimming pool of the Defence Services (Navy) of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command Headquarters this morning, attended by Commander of Naval Training Command Captain Maung Oo Lwin.

Also present were senior naval officers of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy)'s Office, units of Thanlyin Station and naval flotillas, officers, Tatmadawmen and families.

After the final matches, Naval Dockyard Command team emerged champion in the team event and Aung Myo Hein of the same command won the Best Swimmer Award.

In the prize presentation ceremony, Captain Maung Oo Lwin (Navy), on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), presented the championship shield to the Naval Dockyard Command team, and officials, other prizes to the respective winners. — MNA



Capt Maung Oo Lwin (Navy) presents championship shield to Naval Dockyard Command team. — MNA

Advertising Division (Mandalay Branch) opens

YANGON, 20 Aug — The Advertising Division (Mandalay Branch) was opened on 15 August 2004 for those wishing to place their advertisements in Myanmar Alin, Kyemon and the New Light of Myanmar dailies published by the News and Periodicals Enterprise. Those who wish to put their advertisements or supplementary advertisement sheets may contact Mandalay Sub-Printing House between 20th and 21st Streets and 82nd and 83rd Streets in Aungmyaythazan Township, Mandalay, (Tel: 02-32729 or 02-39935).

MNA

ASEAN students, teachers tour Bago, Yangon

YANGON, 19 Aug — Faculty members and students from the member countries of ASEAN Universities Network, attending the 6th ASEAN Universities Network Educational Forum, toured Bago and Yangon yesterday together with Director of Department of Higher Education (Lower Myanmar) U Win and Principal of Bago Degree College U Thein Win.

They arrived at Shwemawdaw Pagoda where U Soe Win of Trustees Office and Professor U Myint Sein of Bago Degree College explained to the history in brief of the pagoda to them. They proceeded to Kanbawzathadi Palace. Assistant Director U Sein Htaw of Archaeology Department explained to them reconstruction of the palace and they viewed around the palace site.

In the evening, they arrived at Myanmar Information and Communication Technology (MICT) Park and General Manager U Thaung Nyunt lectured on salient points of MICT Park. Next, they reached the office of the Myanmar Computer Federation where Director Dr Myint Myint Than explained facts about the federation and studied Myanmar-Japan e-Learning Centre.

This morning, they went on a study tour of Tokiwa pencil factory and Aphrodite cosmetics factory. After that, they arrived at FAME pharmaceutical factory where they were briefed on production process. They proceeded to Teak Farm Industries Factory and the Managing Director of the company explained the production processes.

The 6th Forum was held at Diamond Jubilee Hall on Pyay road here this afternoon. Ma Khine Ngwe Htay Zaw and Ma Ei Thet Thet Swe of Yangon Institute of Economics, Ms Nurul Rochayata of University of Indonesia and Ms Elizabeth Foong of Universiti Malaysia reported on ASEAN in the Knowledge Age and Building ASEAN Studies Learning Societies and those present at the meeting discussed the topics.

MNA

Navigational stations launched for safety of vessels

YANGON, 20 Aug — The Ayeyawady and Chindwin Rivers are raging now because of the downpours. With a view to ensuring safety of vessels sailing under the bridges across these rivers, the Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems has launched navigational stations near the facilities so as to provide them with navigational facts and present situations of the waterways.

A navigational station each has been built at Shwekyetyet for Sagaing

Bridge, on Lanywa Bank for Anawrahta Bridge in Chauk, near Myathalon Pagoda for Magway Bridge, at Mya Village for Nawaday Bridge in Pyay, at Sakkawt for Bo Myat Tun Bridge and at Ahtet Taloklat for Maubin Bridge along Ayeyawady River, and at Ahlon for Monywa Bridge and at Amyintywa for Hsinbyushin Bridge along the Chindwin River.

It said the vessels moving downstream the rivers are to get navigational facts from respective stations.

MNA

947 US troops killed since beginning of military operations in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 19 Aug—As of Thursday, 19 August, 947 US service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defence Department. Of those, 706 died as a result of hostile action and 241 died of non-hostile causes.

The British military has reported 64 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, 11; Poland, nine; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, six; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one death each.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 809 US soldiers have died 597 as a result of hostile action and 212 of non-hostile causes.

The latest deaths reported by military:

A Marine assigned to 1 Marine Expeditionary Force

was killed in action Wednesday in Najaf. Another Marine died after a vehicle accident in Anbar Province.

A soldier was killed Wednesday by small arms fire in Sadr City, eastern Baghdad.

The latest identification reported by the military:

Army Spc Brandon T Titus, 20, Boise, Idaho; killed Tuesday in Baghdad, Iraq, in an explosion near his checkpoint; assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, NY.

Internet

US troubled by death threat against kidnapped journalist in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 19 Aug—The United States expressed concern over the fate of a kidnapped US journalist whose captors in Iraq threatened to kill him unless US forces withdraw from the Shiite holy city of Najaf within 48 hours.

"We are obviously troubled and concerned by this development," State Department spokesman Adam Ereli said. US authorities are "doing everything possible" to determine the whereabouts of Micah Garen, who was abducted Saturday along with his Iraqi interpreter, Amir Doshe, in southern Iraq, Ereli said.

"Our objective is to bring about the safe release of this innocent victim of terror, and we'll continue to do everything we can to bring that about," he added.

On Wednesday, Qatar-based Al-Jazeera television reported that an armed group calling itself Martyrs Squad threatened to kill Garen unless US forces leave Najaf, where fierce fighting has taken place between US and Iraqi forces and a Shiite militia. The news channel aired a video in which the presumed hostage is shown with five hooded gunmen in the background, one of whom is reading a statement, although he is not heard speaking.

Garen, 36, is the founder of Four Corners Media, a company with offices in New York and Colorado that produces documentary videos, photos and text. —*Internet*



A Mahdi fighter loyal to radical Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr aims toward British positions during clashes in the southern city of Basra, Iraq, on 19 Aug. 2004.

INTERNET

US Marine killed in action west of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 19 Aug — A US Marine was killed in action in a restive Sunni Muslim area west of Baghdad on Tuesday, a US military statement said.

The statement said the Marine, assigned to the Marine Expeditionary Force, was killed in al-Anbar Province "while conducting security and stability operations".

The Anbar Province includes the cities of Fallujah and Ramadi where Sunni guerrillas launch almost daily attacks on US and Iraqi Government forces. At least 704 US servicemen and women have been killed in combat since the US-led invasion of Iraq last year. —*MNA/Reuters*

Another Turk firm quits Iraq after plea

BAGHDAD, 19 Aug—The parent company of a Turkish firm, which quit Iraq earlier in the week, has said it will also leave the war-torn country, following the pleas of one of its workers captured by armed fighters.

In a telephone interview with Aljazeera.net, Tepe Constructionsaid on Thursday it plans to withdraw all of its employees starting Friday morning, in an attempt to save the life of Ayat Allah Gezmen who is employed for Bilintur services firm.

Earlier on Thursday, in a grainy videotape shown by Turkey's private NTV television, Gezmen said his captors would kill him if Bilintur and its parent company Tepe, a construction firm, did not leave the country.

"If Tepe and Bilintur do not pull out of Iraq within 72 hours, I will be killed," Gezmen said. Gezmen spoke in Arabic and Turkish and pleaded for help from Turkish Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan. Gezmen was captured three weeks ago along with a colleague, Mehmet Yuce, who was shot dead. Armed fighters released a videotape of the killing earlier this month.

Gezmen's employer, Bilintur, said this week it had already withdrawn from Iraq, pulling its 130 employees in order to avoid putting his life at risk. Turkish trucks and trailers make around 700,000 trips to Iraq each year, earning Turkey billions of dollars in exports. —*Internet*

Iraqi south pipeline still shut, oil exports halved

BAGHDAD, 19 Aug—Iraq's main southern pipeline was still shut on Wednesday, restricting the country's oil exports to half their normal flows, a South Oil Company official said.

"We could see the situation change by the end of the day, but nothing is certain. More employees turned up to work today and management ordered all staff to report to work tomorrow," said the official, who declined to be named.

The pipeline, one of two linking southern fields to two

offshore Gulf terminals, has been mostly shut since August 9, when saboteurs attacked it.

Crews repaired the 48-inch pipeline, which has a capacity of 1.5 million barrels per day (BPD), and operated it briefly before shutting it as security worsened due to an uprising led by

anti-US cleric Moqtada al-Sadr, whose followers have vowed to attack the infrastructure. Exports are flowing through a second 42-inch pipeline at around one million barrels per day.

The instability and fighting in the city of Basra forced management of the state-owned South Oil Company

to order headquarters employees not to report to work since last week.

Sadr's uprising has also hurt the rest of the economy. Sabotage against internal pipelines helped to create shortages of gasoline and disrupted power station operations. —*MNA/Reuters*

Kerry to attack Bush troop withdrawal plan

CINCINNATI, 19 Aug—Democrat John Kerry on Wednesday planned to attack President George W Bush's plan to withdraw 70,000 American troops from Europe and Asia as a threat to national security that could blunt the war on terror, campaign aides said.

The Kerry campaign has attacked the redeployment plan as politically motivated and said it would undermine the US relationship with NATO. In his speech to the VFW, Kerry, a decorated Vietnam War Navy lieutenant, will dispute Bush's claim to be "getting things done" for US veterans, the second time in recent weeks he has dismissed one of the Republican incumbent's campaign slogans.

"The job will be done when there are no homeless veterans on the streets of America," he said in the excerpts. "The job will be done when more than 320,000 veterans no longer are waiting for decisions on disability claims and another 100,000 are not awaiting appeals decisions."

The four-term senator from Massachusetts also criticized Bush for his "go-it-alone" foreign policy. —*MNA/Reuters*

Indian President to visit South Africa, Tanzania

NEW DELHI, 19 Aug—Indian President A P J Abdul Kalam will visit South Africa and Tanzania next month, the *Indo-Asian News Service* (IANS) reported Tuesday.

"Kalam is likely to embark on his two-nation tour in the second week of next month, possibly September 10 or 11," IANS quoted officials as saying.

This is Kalam's second foreign trip since taking office more than two years ago. He has earlier visited United Arab Emirates, Sudan and Bulgaria. —*MNA/Xinhua*



A US Army Bradley armoured vehicle patrols past a crushed car near a Shiite militant position in the southern Iraq city of Najaf, on 19 August, 2004. — *INTERNET*

US Baghdad Embassy shelled

BAGHDAD, 19 Aug—A mortar shell hit the roof of the US Embassy in Baghdad slightly wounding two American employees, an embassy spokesman said.

The spokesman said the building was hit between 0500 and 0530 (1300-1330 GMT) on Thursday. US ambassador John Negroponte was not in Iraq at the time of the attack.

"One of the injured was shaken. The other injured person required medical treatment but the injuries are not severe," the spokesman said, adding the roof was slightly damaged in the attack.

The US Embassy in Baghdad, the largest US mission in the world, is in the heavily fortified Green Zone, which also houses the offices of the US-appointed Iraqi interim government. Iraqi resistance fighters have routinely launched mortar and missile attacks against the Green Zone.

Meanwhile, the Polish news agency PAP quoted a military spokesperson who said two Polish soldiers were killed and five injured in a road accident in Hilla after their patrol was fired on near their Babylon base on Thursday.

The US Department of Defence reported that one US soldier was killed on Wednesday. The latest toll brings to 953 the number of US fatalities in Iraq since the 20 March 2003 invasion of the country.

Sixty-five military personnel from other countries have also been killed since that date. — *Internet*

Iran calls for meeting of Iraq's neighbours to resolve crisis

TEHRAN, 19 Aug—The Iranian Foreign Minister has called for an urgent meeting of Iraq neighbours to help end the crisis there, the official IRNA agency said.

"It is time for Iraq's neighbours to contribute to a resolution of the Iraq crisis," Kamal Kharazi was quoted as saying during a telephone conversation with his Jordanian counterpart, Marwan Moasher.

Kharazi described the situation as critical, saying that Iraq's neighbours must do something to end the violence and protect the country's holy sites.

Four other countries neighbour Iraq, besides Iran and Jordan: Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Turkey. Their Foreign Ministers have had a number of meetings since the US-led invasion that toppled the regime of Saddam Hussein in March last year.

They last met in Cairo on July 21 to discuss the new Iraqi interim government's pleas for help in restoring security to the ravaged nation.

Kharazi also warned US troops against entering the shrine of Imam Ali in Najaf, where US-led forces have been laying siege to Shiite leader Moqtada Sadr, as this would be seen as a provocation by Muslims.

Syria later backed the idea of a meeting on Iraq, with a foreign ministry official saying Damascus was "worried" about the situation in Najaf.

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Russia urges US to comply with troops reduction commitments

Moscow, 19 Aug—Russia expressed hope on Tuesday that the US plans to restructuring its Armed Forces abroad would be in line with US commitments to reduce troops and armaments.

US President George W Bush announced Monday plans to withdraw 60,000 to 70,000 troops from bases in Europe and Asia over the next 10 years, as part of a global military realignment.

The US Government officials said some of the troops would be shifted to posts in Eastern Europe, and a significant part would be redeployed to bases in the United States.

"In this context, we continue to draw the attention of the American side to the fact that any plans in this field must completely conform to its armaments and Armed Forces reduction commitments," Russian Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

"We also expect that... no American military bases will be set up in the Baltic area or in Transcaucasia," the ministry said.

MNA/Xinhua

Mideast energy sector needs \$84.5b for future expansions

ABU DHABI, 19 Aug—Middle East energy sector needs to invest 84.5 billion US dollars for future expansions, the official WAM news agency reported Wednesday, citing a study released by the Organization of Arab Petroleum-Exporting Countries (OAPEC).

Of the total projected investment up to the year of 2006, the gas industry will take the lion share, with 43 billion dollars to be invested in the sector, according to the study.

Projects for raising crude output capacity will need 21 billion dollars, in addition to

19 billion dollars and 1.5 billion dollars respectively going to petrochemical industries and the refining sector, the study estimated.

The study, published by the OAPEC quarterly journal *Oil and Arab Cooperation*, expects Arab and foreign commercial financial institutions to contribute 35 billion dollars, accounting for 42 per cent of the total funds.

Of the projected investment from private financiers, 19 billion dollars will go to the gas industry, accounting for 55 per cent of the total, the study showed. The study added that commercial financiers are also projected to extend 11.2 billion, 2.5 billion and 2 billion dollars to petrochemicals industries, the refining sector and projects for raising crude output capacity respectively. The study expects that Arab banks could play a major role in financing projects in Middle East energy sector, if they introduced sweeping structural reforms in the financial and monetary system. The best-case scenario for active role, the study said, is for the Arab banking and financial players to merge among themselves to create big institutions capable of competing with major global players. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Shandong to host Yellow River culture and art festival

JINAN, 19 Aug—The first Yellow River culture and art festival will be held this September in Jinan, capital of east China's Shandong Province.

Sponsored by Shandong Yellow River economy administration and the provincial tourism bureau, the festival will be held to popularize the Yellow River culture and bring wider attention to Yellow River harnessing and protection, said an official with the organizing committee Wednesday.

With "Maintaining the healthy life of Yellow River" as the theme, the festival would include forums concerning the protection and harnessing of the river and business and trade talks. — *MNA/Xinhua*



A fire engine rushes past the gate of Iraq South Oil Co after Shiite militants loyal to radical cleric Moqtada al-Sadr broke into the headquarters and set the company's warehouses and offices on fire in the southern Iraqi city of Basra on 19 Aug, 2004.

INTERNET

Hurricane "Charley" deaths rise to 20 in Florida

PUNTA GORDA, 19 Aug—The death toll from Hurricane Charley's destructive rampage in Florida has risen to 20, and more than 439,000 remain without power in the state, government officials said on Wednesday.

Charley, the strongest storm to hit Florida in a dozen years, charged over southwest coast on Friday with winds of up to 145 miles per hour, demolishing mobile home parks and damaging tens of thousands of buildings.

The new death toll, which rose by one, was issued by the Florida Division of Emergency Management.

Local officials had initially expected a far worse death toll, particularly because of the widespread damage to many mobile home parks in badly hit Charlotte County.

Thousands of people were left homeless by the storm, and officials said 2,684 were still in shelters by Wednesday. Many others had found refuge with relatives and friends, or in hotels.

MNA/Reuters

Thai Princess urges for immediate action to combat climate change

BANGKOK, 20 Aug — Princess of Thailand on Thursday urged for immediate action from the international community to combat global climate change, warning the delay in actions will cause serious consequence.

The remarks were made at a sub-session of the Fifth Princess Chulabhorn International Science Congress in Bangkok.

Climate plays a central role in the maintenance and equilibrium of all forms of life on the earth, but its balance is increasingly being disturbed by the effects of human activity, especially industrialization, said Princess Chulabhorn in her speech.

A report of UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) shows that alarming changes have taken place in the rapid build up of green house gases in the atmosphere and in increases in global temperatures leading to a rise in sea levels.

The climate variation and change, resulted in unprecedented floods and droughts, posed great threat to sustainability and sustainable development of humankind.

MNA/Xinhua



A plume of smoke rises over the besieged city of Najaf, Iraq, on 19 Aug, 2004.

INTERNET

Family of dead British soldier gives government a rap

LONDON, 20 Aug — The mother and teenage sister of a British soldier killed in Iraq walked out of a meeting with Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott in disgust on Thursday after delivering a letter demanding the return of British troops. Tearful Rose Gentle and her daughter Maxine, 14, arrived at Downing Street to hand over a letter to Prime Minister Tony Blair expressing anger over the war.

Prescott is acting head of government while Blair is on holiday.

"I think that you should withdraw all of our soldiers from Iraq," wrote Maxine who told reporters she felt angry and upset.

"After all, it is not our war, it's America's... My big brother meant the world to me... to you he was just another number clown," said her letter to Blair.

Her brother Gordon, 19, died in Basra when his convoy was hit by a bomb in June, just before the formal handover of power to an interim Iraqi government from

the US-led occupation.

The two, wearing T-shirts emblazoned with Gordon's face, were unexpectedly invited to see Prescott.

Prescott said he would pass on the message to Blair, Rose said after the meeting.

"I walked out. He was talking a lot of rubbish," she added. Rose, whose cause has been taken up by the Stop the War Coalition, said she felt "sick" when she received a letter of condolence from Blair a few days ago, seven weeks after losing her only son.

"It means nothing. I

want to give him his letter back," said Rose, adding she would pursue a meeting with the Prime Minister.

"I want him to explain why he is sending young boys over there, he should bring them home," she said.

The Ministry of Defence says 65 British soldiers have been killed in Iraq since the start of the conflict in March 2003.

Blair's trust ratings have slumped since the invasion, not least over questions about the justification he gave for taking the nation to war.

MNA/Reuters

FM says Turkish hostage in Iraq freed

ANKARA, 19 Aug — A Turkish truck driver abducted by suspected Iraqi militants has been released, Turkish Foreign Minister Abdullah Gul said on Wednesday.

Mustafa Koksall was one of two Turkish drivers who were taken hostage while bringing supplies to US forces in Iraq, family members said this week.

He was now at the Turkish Embassy in Baghdad ahead of his return to Turkey, Gul told reporters at a news conference. — MNA/Reuters

Mexico demands US explain pepper-gun use at border

MEXICO CITY, 19 Aug — Mexico asked the US Government on Tuesday to formally explain the use of pepper guns by Border Patrol agents against illegal Mexican migrants, the government news agency said.

The weapons, which fire pepper-filled plastic bullets, have been used sporadically for at least two years but became a diplomatic issue when Mexican television aired a video showing US agents firing paintball game-style rifles at targets.

The video, shown this month, also contained images of a Mexican lifting his T-shirt to reveal welts and bruises on his chest, presumably made by the plastic pellets.

Mexican lawmakers and politicians were outraged,

and on Tuesday a Mexican diplomat asked for an official explanation, news agency Notimex reported.

"Mexico's Government made it very clear that by no means will it put up with any form of violence against Mexican nationals," Deputy Foreign Relations Secretary Geronimo Gutierrez told Notimex after meeting with White House and US State Department officers.

The pellets are plastic-coated but break on impact, causing welts and releasing pepper dust.

Border Patrol agents in

Arizona have had the weapons for two years and officials say there are strict regulations on their use.

Mexicans are very sensitive about the relationship with their northern neighbour. Millions of Mexicans live and work in the United States and many first crossed the 2,000-mile border as undocumented migrants.

Hundreds die every year in treacherous border crossings, and previous incidents of Mexicans being shot by US Border Patrol agents caused uproar here. — MNA/Reuters



US troops prepare for patrol near Najaf's cemetery on 19 Aug, 2004.

INTERNET

Photo exhibition on Deng Xiaoping's life opens at UN HQ

UNITED NATIONS, 20 Aug — A photo exhibition describing the life of the late Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping, sponsored by the Chinese permanent mission to the United Nations, opened at the UN Headquarters in New York on Wednesday.

Addressing an opening ceremony, acting permanent representative of the Chinese mission to the UN Zhang Yishan said Deng made immeasurable contribution to the liberation, construction and modernization of China. As the chief architect of China's reform and opening-up, Deng was at the helm of China's grand modernization programme and led the Chinese people in building socialism with Chinese characteristics.

"He will be loved, cherished and remembered forever by the Chinese people," Zhang said.

On Deng's contribution to world peace, Zhang said Deng Xiaoping maintained that China should proceed from its national strategic interest and surpass differences in social systems and ideology and develop friendly relations and cooperation with all countries in the world on the basis of the five principles of peaceful coexistence.

Under his great concept of "one country, two systems", Hong Kong and Macao returned to China smoothly in 1997 and 1999, he noted.

Zhang said that Deng was also the first Chinese leader to stand on the rostrum of the United Nations as head of the Chinese delegation to the special session of the Gen-

eral Assembly in 1974.

Deng is indeed one of the most outstanding statesmen and diplomats in the 20th Century, he added.

Attending the opening ceremony were some 150 UN officials, permanent representatives and senior diplomats from dozens of countries.

Shashi Tharoor, UN Undersecretary for Communications and Public Information, said, "It has been almost 30 years since Deng Xiaoping first came to the UN in New York as the head of the Chinese delegation to make the famous statement here. We have seen the transformation of China in recent years, a transformation that in many ways has been the direct result of policies initiated by Deng Xiaoping."

"The presence of various diplomats and staff members of the United Nations here this evening is a reflection of their respect and admiration for China, for Deng Xiaoping, and indeed for China that he made," he added.

The photo exhibition includes more than 40 photos reflecting various stages in Deng's life. It offers a glimpse into the noble character and great achievement of the late Chinese leader. The exhibition will last until August 27.

MNA/Xinhua

Philippines import rises 18% in June

MANILA, 20 Aug — The Philippines import recorded an 18-per-cent growth in June to 3.455 billion US dollars, compared to the same period last year, the National Statistics Office said Thursday.

According to the office, based on the import figure, the trade deficit hit 142 million dollars in June against a surplus of 132 million dollars in the same period last year.

It also said that the imports grew 7.2 per cent to 19.938 billion dollars from January to June while the exports reached 18.734 bil-

lion dollars in the period, leading to a lower deficit of 1.204 billion dollars for the first half, over last year's 1.344 billion dollars.

In June, electronic imports, which ranked the first among all categories, rose 6.7 per cent to 1.432 billion dollars and the second, mineral fuel, rose as much as 119.3 per cent to 517.54 mil-

lion dollars, the office said.

The industrial machinery and equipment recorded a 20.2-per-cent growth to 146.13 million dollars, it added.

According to the statistics, Japan topped the sources of the Philippine imports, accounting for 17.6 per cent of the total import bill.

MNA/Xinhua



A US Army sniper, lays low in a fortified position during an attack by numerous snipers in Najaf, Iraq, on 19 Aug, 2004. Sporadic, heavy fighting continues Thursday.

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Handicapped orphans to receive free operations in Beijing

BEIJING, 20 Aug — The Beijing municipal government launched the "Tomorrow Plan" here Wednesday, under which nearly 800 handicapped orphans will receive free operations over the next three years.

Li Xinjing, deputy director of the Beijing Municipal Administration of Civil Affairs, said there are 175 handicapped orphans aged 0-18 in Beijing's social welfare institutions who badly need a help from surgery.

Over the next three years, the number will increase to around 800, he said. — MNA/Xinhua

Sadr wants ceasefire before leaving shrine

BAGHDAD, 19 Aug—Anti-US cleric Moqtada al-Sadr and his followers are ready to leave the Imam Ali shrine in Najaf if American-led forces pull back from the holy Shiite site, an aide to Sadr said on Wednesday.

“Sayyed Moqtada and his fighters are ready to throw down their weapons and leave for the sake of Iraq. But they should stop attacking him first and pull away from the shrine,” Ali al-Yassiri, Sadr’s political liaison officer, told Reuters.

“We are not afraid to show our commitment to the national interest. We do not understand the position of the Iraqi Government, which insists on dealing with the people with force,” he said.

Another aide to Sadr earlier said the cleric had accepted the government’s conditions for a truce, but clashes across central and southern Iraq did not stop and few expected an end to fighting that has killed hundreds of Iraqis.

Ali al-Lami, an official in Hizbollah, a pro-Sadr Shiite party based in southern Iraq that has been involved in negotiations with Sadr, said the government was intent on “liquidating” the cleric regardless of whether he ac-

cepted its conditions or not.

“There was never a question of Moqtada agreeing to withdraw from the shrine. He has been waiting for the American forces and its Iraqi operatives to stop attacking him and his followers so he can put forth a timetable for withdrawal,” Lami said.

The Iraqi government denies that it is after killing Sadr and says that its objective is to enforce the rule of law. — MNA/Reuters

Iraqi armed group threatens to kill kidnapped US journalist

BAGHDAD, 19 Aug — An armed group has threatened to kill a US journalist kidnapped in Iraq unless US forces withdraw from the Shiite holy city of Najaf within 48 hours, Qatar-based al-Jazeera TV channel reported Wednesday night.

The channel aired a video showing the presumed hostage with five hooded gunmen in the background, one of whom is reading a statement, without hearing the sound.

According to the channel, the armed group calling itself “Martyrs Squad” an-

nounced that it is holding American journalist Micah Garen and threatened to kill him after 48 hours if US forces do not withdraw from Najaf.

Najaf, together with some other holy cities in the country, has been the site of fierce clashes between militiamen

loyal to radical Shiite cleric Moqtada Sadr and US forces for nearly two weeks, during which hundreds of Iraqis have reportedly been killed and thousands wounded with some casualties from the US-led multinational forces.

MNA/Xinhua

US still tries to locate kidnapped American in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 20 Aug — The US Embassy is still trying to locate the whereabouts of Micah Garen, the American citizen kidnapped in Nassiriyah in southern Iraq last weekend, the State Department said Wednesday.

“What I can tell you is that we are in contact with his family and fiancée. Our embassy is in contact with local authorities

and forces on the ground in Nassiriyah to try to ascertain his whereabouts,” State Department deputy spokesman

Adam Erel said. “We haven’t been able to, as far as I am aware, determine where he is,” Erel said.

MNA/Xinhua

Seven dead, two missing as rain lashes Japan

TOKYO, 20 Aug — Heavy rains battered western Japan on Thursday as the death toll from landslides and flooding caused by a typhoon rose to at least seven, with two more missing.

More rain was forecast as Typhoon Megi, which has also buffeted South Korea, pushed north and threatened to make landfall in northern Japan as early as Friday.

Two people were reported missing in South Korea, where over 2,400 people were evacuated and flights were cancelled.

In Japan the dead included an elderly couple on Shikoku Island who died when their house was engulfed by a landslide.

Others were swept out to sea by floodwaters or drowned in irrigation ditches.

Television footage showed muddy water surging around a traditional wooden house. About 165 primary school students spent an anxious night trapped at a nature centre after being cut off by heavy rains.

Typhoon Megi, which means “catfish” in Korean,

lashed the region with rain and high winds for the second straight day, with occasional gusts of up to 108 miles per hour.

Service on one Shinkansen “bullet train” line was halted.

Some 205mm of rain had fallen on some areas of Shikoku by 9 a.m. (0000 GMT) on Thursday and forecasters said another 200-250mm was expected in the next 24 hours.

As of 0100 GMT, the typhoon was passing north of Kyushu, Japan’s westernmost main island, and moving north northeast at 15 kilometres an hour.

It was expected to continue to move northeast throughout the day, with the area of heavy rainfall widening and the possibility of landfall in northern Japan as early as Friday morning. Heavy rains were also expected to hit parts of northern Japan

battered last month by floods that killed 15 people. — MNA/Reuters

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US Army soldiers take cover in a fortified position during an attack by numerous snipers in Najaf, Iraq, on 19 Aug, 2004. — INTERNET

Heavy clashes in Najaf

NAJAF, 19 Aug — Heavy fighting broke out between Iraqi Shiite militiamen and US troops in the holy city of Najaf on Wednesday, leaving many people killed and wounded, medical officials said.

Falah al-Muhana, the director at Najaf’s main hospital, said 29 casualties had been brought in from the clashes in the heart of the old city. The number included people killed and wounded but he had no precise figures.

Hospitals in the southern city have been treating civilians and Mehdi militia loyal to radical Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr since the two-week uprising erupted. American soldiers are treated at US military camps.

MNA/Reuters

Philippines ranked as 12th most populous country

MANILA, 20 Aug — The Philippines was listed as the 12th most populated country by an international population watchdog, a local newspaper reported Thursday.

Citing a report from the Washington-based Population Reference Bureau (PRB), the *Philippine Star* said the country is expected to remain the 12th until 2050 with its current population estimated at 83.7 million. With the increase rate of 2.36 per cent annually, the highest in Asia, the country’s population is to reach 118.4 million by 2025 and to 147.3 million by 2050.

According to the report, the Philippines has been ranked as the 14th place in 2002 and 13th in 2003 by the non-profit, non-advocacy organization founded in 1929 to monitor population trends.

In a separate report by the

Philippine Population Commission, the capital, Metro Manila, is now the 17th among the world’s population urban agglomerations and will rise to the 15th by 2015.

The report presented on Wednesday at the forum dubbed as “Crafting a Legislative Agenda in Pursuit of the Millennium Development Goals” also showed that at least one third of the Philippines’ population concentrated in its four towns and 13 cities.

PRB senior demographer Carl Haub told the *Star* that there were signs the country’s fertility rate was slowly declining since the number of women using modern contraceptive methods is up 33 per cent. Other Catholic countries like Portugal, Spain, Italy and Poland control their birth rates despite the clergy’s admonitions to the faithful to refrain from using contraceptives disallowed by the Church.

In the Catholic-dominant Philippines, the Church wields considerable influence on policy issues and impedes any proposal to promote artificial contraception.

However, House of Representatives filed last month three bills to urge the government to adopt a two-child policy to address the population problem.

“Our resources can only afford a small population and the two-child policy is part of my strategy to save the nation because over population will kill the nation,” said House Speaker Jose de Venecia.

MNA/Xinhua



Debris flies from a building explosion during a US aerial assault on guerillas targets in Najaf, Iraq, on 19 Aug, 2004. High-altitude jet fighters dropped four bombs in the area.

— INTERNET

Ocean-going ships on the move



Sea-going vessel MV Kengtung of Myanma Five Star Line under the Ministry of Transport. — MYANMA ALIN



MV. Forceful Performer double engine tow-boat built for Casey Marine Pte. Ltd of Singapore. — MNA



MV Jaya Transporter vessel built for Jaya Marine Lines Pte. Ltd of Singapore. — MNA



Jaya Gold-2 vessel built for Singapore. — MNA



Mental Health Educative Instructors Course opened

YANGON, 20 Aug—Yangon Division Health Department and Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Association Supervisory Committee held the opening of Mental Health Educative Instructors Course at the department on West Race Course in Bahan Township here this morning.

It was attended by Patron of the supervisory committee Daw Khin Thet Htay, members of the Panel of Patrons of the supervisory committee, Chairman Head of Yangon Division Health Department Dr Hla Myint, Head of Psychiatry Department of Yangon Institute of Medicine-1 Professor Dr Hla Htay, Medical Superintendent of Psychiatric Hospital Dr Zaw Sein Lwin, Medical Superintendent of Rehabilitation Hospital (Yangon) Dr Daw Kyin San Yin, Psychiatrist Dr Win Aung Myint, members of township MCWA, physicians, nurses, members of Red Cross Society, trainees and guests.

The patron of the Supervisory Committee dealt with tasks being carried out for nurturing mentally abnormal children in conformity with future plans adopted by Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (Central), future tasks, and nurturing work; Professor Dr Hla Htay, with the purpose of the course; and Dr Hla Myint, with work to be done for mental health. Afterwards, the patron presented K 100,000 for community based mental healthcare services being carried out in Dawbon Township to Dr Zaw Lwin Sein, who presented a certificate of honour to her. — MNA

Yangon Division MCWA Supervisory Committee Patron Daw Khin Thet Htay speaking at opening ceremony of mental health educative instructor course.— MNA

OPEC sees “very small” economic impact from oil surge

LONDON, 20 Aug—OPEC oil producers see little impact on economic growth so far from high oil prices which on Wednesday surged to yet another record, the cartel said.

“The direct contribution of the concern-driven rise in oil prices to the economic slowdown in 2004 has been very small,” the cartel said in its monthly oil market report.

US oil futures set a new high if 47.01 US dollars a barrel on Wednesday a new record in the 21-year history of the New York Mercantile Exchange contract.

Prices are up nearly 10 US dollars a barrel since the

end of June and record peaks have been set in all but one of the last 14 NYMEX trading sessions.

“Going forward much will depend on how long the price of the OPEC reference basket remains above 35 US dollars a barrel,” it said.

The basket price increased 20 per cent, from 30.3 US dollars a barrel to 36.3 US dollars a barrel between January and July this year, it said. OPEC’s basket of crudes was last valued at 41.75 US dollars.

“A recent study suggests that if such an increase were to be maintained for two years, then it may reduce economic growth in

the US and Europe by about 0.2 per cent in 2004,” the report said. The effect would be greater in 2005,” it added.

OPEC said in the report that it had raised production in July to a level that should permit a substantial build in world oil inventories in the fourth quarter of this year.

OPEC raised production 599,000 barrels per day in July to 29.57 million barrels per day, the cartel said in its monthly oil market report.

July’s production figure is more than 1.25 million bpd above the cartel’s 28.25 million bpd estimate of likely demand for its crude oil during the fourth quarter.

MNA/Reuters

New genetic link found to crib deaths

WASHINGTON, 20 Aug—A collection of genes involved in early development may help explain why Black babies are more at risk of sudden infant death syndrome than other US groups, researchers said on Thursday.

The gene mutations may also help explain why thousands of US infants still succumb each year to SIDS, also known as crib death or cot death, despite education campaigns that have cut the rate in half, the researchers said. Dr Debra Weese-Mayer, a professor of pediatrics at Rush University Medical Centre in Chicago, said the finding does not fully explain the unexpected deaths of 3,000 US infants a year, but helps explain some of the underlying biology. “For years everyone said SIDS was a mystery, but to me it is a puzzle and each of our studies fits in another piece,” Weese-Mayer said in a telephone interview.

“This is one more critical piece of information that tells us we are on the right path.” Writing in the September issue of *Pediatric Research*, Weese-Mayer and colleagues at the University of Pittsburgh and elsewhere said they compared genetic material from 92 SIDS cases to that of 92 healthy one-year-olds. — MNA/Reuters

Helicopter stunt pilots to snag stardust for NASA

PASADENA (California), 20 Aug—NASA has recruited two Hollywood helicopter stunt pilots for an especially tricky manoeuvre — snagging a capsule full of stardust as it parachutes back to Earth next month, mission managers said on Thursday.

The mid-air retrieval 4,000 feet above the Utah desert on September 8 is the planned climax to the space agency’s 264 million US dollars *Genesis* mission, which began three years ago with the launch of a space probe to collect tiny charged particles called ions blown toward Earth from the sun.

Scientists say the resulting cargo of solar ions, about 10 to 20 microgrammes of oxygen, nitrogen and other elements that collectively weigh about as much as a few grains of salt, will yield key insights about the formation of planets at the dawn of the solar system.

The novel scheme for snaring the re-entry capsule, thus sparing the canister from a rocky landing that could damage the delicate instruments and samples inside, was unveiled for reporters on Thursday at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena.

The return of the *Genesis* probe will mark the first bits of extraterrestrial matter retrieved from space by human means since the 1970s, when moon rocks were carried

back to Earth by manned US *Apollo* and unmanned Soviet *Luna* missions, NASA said.

If successful, it also will make aviation history as the first man-made object captured by aircraft as it entered Earth’s atmosphere from space, said Roy Haggard, an aerospace research executive hired by NASA to design the *Genesis* retrieval project.

He said helicopters were used in thousands of missions to grab parachuted canisters of film shot by spy cameras over Vietnam and the Soviet Union during the Cold War.

But in recruiting personnel for *Genesis*, Haggard said all the experts kept pointing to stunt pilots as the best suited for the job.

In the end, he hired Cliff Fleming as his chief pilot for the *Genesis* project and backup Dan Rudert, both leading Hollywood stunt pilots who also fly firefighting missions for the government.

MNA/Reuters

Senior Chinese leader to visit S Korea, 3 European nations

BEIJING, 20 Aug—Jia Qinglin, chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), will pay an official goodwill visit to South Korea, Austria, Spain and Portugal from August 26 to September 10, CPPCC sources said Thursday.

Jia is invited by Kim One Ki, Speaker of South Korea National Assembly, Anna Elisabeth Haselbach, president of the Austrian Parliament, Javier Rojo, president of the Spanish Senate, and Mota Amaral, president of the Assembly of Portugal.

The CPPCC is China’s top advisory body, consisting of representatives of the Communist Party of China, non-Communist parties, personages without party affiliation, and representatives of people’s organizations, national minorities and all social strata.

The main functions of the CPPCC are to conduct political consultation, exercise democratic supervision and participate in the discussion and the handling of state affairs.

MNA/Xinhua

Kerry blames rising health costs for job losses

BOSTON, 20 Aug — Democrat John Kerry, citing a newly commissioned study, said on Thursday that rising health care expenses have cost American jobs and President George W Bush has done nothing to solve the problem.

The study, conducted by an economic adviser to former president Bill Clinton, “provides new evidence that these job losses were partially the result of the rising cost of health care”, according to a copy of the findings released by Kerry’s campaign. The Democratic presidential candidate immediately seized on the study to underscore his campaign pitch to middle class and older voters who could prove key constituencies in his campaign to unseat Bush in the November 2 election.

“It’s bad enough that skyrocketing health care costs are squeezing family budgets. Now we have new evidence that the spiralling cost of health care is costing us jobs,” Kerry said in a campaign Press release.

“And our best jobs — full-time jobs with good health benefits that let families get ahead — are the ones disappearing the fastest. America can’t afford four more years of a plan that hasn’t saved us a single dime or created a single job,” he said. The campaign Press release charged that families and businesses have shouldered enormous increases in premiums while “George Bush has done nothing to reduce health costs”.

The study was prepared for the Kerry campaign by Laura Tyson, Dean of the London Business School and a former chairwoman of the Council of Economic Advisers under Clinton, and Professor Sarah Reber of the University of California at Los Angeles.

Kerry was to address the international association of firefighters convention in his hometown of Boston on Thursday morning and then hold another in a series of casual front-porch chats with voters, in Derry, New Hampshire.

MNA/Reuters

India's Govt plans legislation on guidelines for FDI in print media

NEW DELHI, 20 Aug— The Indian Government on Thursday said it was contemplating a legislation to strengthen guidelines for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in print media but ruled out relaxation of norms for publication of foreign newspapers from the country.

In a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha, or the Parliament's Lower House, Information and Broadcasting Minister S Jaipal Reddy said the Government was contemplating a legislation to amend the Press and Registration Act for giving legal sanctity to the Cabinet Resolution of 1955 that bars publication of foreign newspapers and news magazines in India.

To a question on

whether there was a ban on using foreign-owned satellites for beaming down programmes directly to DTH (direct-to-home) operators, the minister said a licensee can use bandwidth capacity for DTH service on both Indian as well as foreign satellites.

However, he said proposals envisaging use of Indian satellites will be extended preferential treatment.

To another query, he

said irregularities in awarding marketing telecast rights of French Open, Wimbledon, Independence Cup in 1997, ICC Knock Out Tournament 1998 and World Cup 1999 had been investigated.

In respect of ICC Knockout cricket tournament, 1998, departmental proceedings for major penalty had been initiated against the officers involved.

MNA/PTI

India's "Agni-I" missile in production stage

NEW DELHI, 20 Aug— The 700-kilometre range, surface-to-surface, Agni-I missile is in production stage for induction into the Indian Army and meets the threat preception of Pakistan's Ghauri missile, Parliament was informed on Thursday.

"The Agni-I missile system has been flight tested

on July 4, this year. In all five flight tests have been conducted on Agni-I and Agni-II missiles so far. Agni-I is in production for induction into the Army", Defence Minister Pranab Mukherjee said in reply to a question in the Lok Sabha, or the Lower House.

He said Agni-I meets the threat preception of

Pakistan's Ghauri missile with its range capability and Agni-II has a longer range than Ghauri.

Agni-I can carry one-ton payload and it can be launched from road/rail launcher, he said adding the July test achieved all the mission objectives set for it.

MNA/PTI

Aziz wins Pakistan polls, paving way to be Premier

ISLAMABAD, 20 Aug— Pakistani Finance Minister Shaukat Aziz easily won a seat in Parliament, clearing the way for him to take over as prime minister next week, officials said on Thursday.

The former Citibank executive bagged 76,161 votes against 29,443 for his main opponent in Attock District of central Punjab Province, where he narrowly survived a suicide bombing on July 30, an Election Commission official said.

His driver and eight others were killed in the attack that officials have linked to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda network, which is bent on deposing President Pervez Musharraf for his support for the US-led war on terror.

Aziz, 55, who Musharraf picked to be prime minister in June after the

abrupt resignation of the incumbent, also trounced his opponent in a second by-election in Tharparkar in Sindh Province by securing 152,102 votes against the rival's 10,732.

"I will try my level best to improve the life of country's common man and make efforts to maintain peace and harmony in the country," the official APP news agency quoted Aziz as saying.

Legislators from the two constituencies resigned to allow Aziz to win a National Assembly seat, a prerequisite to be prime minister. Candidates can win

multiple seats, but retain only one.

The results of Wednesday's voting are unofficial and will be formally announced later in the week.

Information Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed told reporters Aziz would form a new government next week. "I expect a new government to be formed between the 22nd and 25th of this month," he said. "The election was peaceful."

Chaudhry Shujat Hussain has been filling in as a temporary prime minister.

MNA/Reuters

Thai economic growth to slow down in second half of 2004

BANGKOK, 20 Aug— Thailand's economy will slow down its growth pace in the second half of this year, a leading think tank on Thursday was quoted by the official Thai News Agency (TNA) as saying, while warning cautious lending.

The economy would grow by some 5.7 per cent in the second half of this year, slower than that of the first six months' growth of 6.3 per cent, said the Kasikorn Research Centre.

As a result, economic growth for this year was expected to reach 6 per cent, falling down from last year's 6.8 per cent, according to the think tank.

Various factors were believed to attribute to the less aggressive economic expansion in the second half of this year.

Higher inflation rates, rising fuel prices, the outbreak of avian flu, and the unstable security situation in the kingdom's deep south all were responsible for the slowdown.

Besides, the country's economic growth was also dampened by a setback in the current account balance due to a significant increase in imports, particularly of fuel.

Given the scenario, the research centre warned financial agencies to

exercise greater caution in extending loans, particularly to consumer-related businesses, or those affected by rising fuel prices.

The private spending will also drop in line with the stricter lending by the financial institutions, it said.

The Thai Government first had the projection of this year's economic growth by 7-8 per cent, but later cut one percentage off due to the reasons mentioned above.

MNA/Xinhua

New batch of Kenyan students to go to China for study

NAIROBI, 20 Aug— The Chinese Embassy to Kenya held a sendoff function here on Thursday for Kenyan students who are going to China to study on Chinese Government Scholarships.

The nine Kenyan students are going to study in eight different Chinese universities and pursue bachelor's, master's and doctor's degrees respectively in the fields of medicine, textile engineering, crop pathology, hydrology and water resources, pharmacology and stomatology etc.

Chinese Ambassador to Kenya Guo Chongli said at the function that "China-Kenya educational exchanges and

cooperation, as an essential part of our friendship, has been forging ahead and cooperation between Chinese and Kenyan universities has gained momentum."

Meanwhile, Kenyan Assistant Minister for Education, Science and Technology Kilemi Mwiria said that Kenya has much to learn from China, and he hopes the Kenyan students could bring back what they have learned in China. — MNA/Xinhua

Malaysia decides against poultry export ban

KUALA LUMPUR, 20 Aug— The Malaysian Government said on Thursday it had decided against banning exports of poultry goods after its first bird flu outbreak.

Contradicting a statement from a veterinary official in the hours after bird flu was found in a village near

the Thai border, it said any trade bans were up to importing countries.

"The onus is on the importing countries, if they still want to buy, they can, but on our part we will not let any cargo that we think is contaminated to go through," Abi Musa Asa'ari Mohamed

Nor, secretary-general of the Agriculture Ministry, told reporters.

Malaysia said it had gone on nationwide alert to watch for more avian influenza cases, after it identified the virulent H5N1 strain in two dead chickens.

MNA/Reuters

Malaysia finds deadly bird flu virus in chickens

KUALA LUMPUR, 20 Aug— A deadly strain of bird flu blamed for 27 deaths in Asia this year has been found in two dead chickens in Malaysia, a government official said on Thursday. Malaysia banned poultry exports on Wednesday after finding bird flu in a

village near the Thai border.

"The results (from tests of the birds) show they were H5N1, which is pathogenic, which is the dangerous one," Abi Musa Asa'ari Mohamed Nor, secretary-general of the Agriculture Ministry, told reporters. — MNA/Reuters

Pakistan lauds India's efforts in peace process

ISLAMABAD, 20 Aug— Pakistani Prime Minister Chaudhry Shujat Hussain Thursday hailed the policy of the Indian Government for a peaceful resolution of all issues between the two nations.

According to the Associated Press of Pakistan (APP), the Prime Minister expressed satisfaction over the ongoing dialogue process between the two nuclear arch-rivals, while

addressing a number of parliamentarians here.

He also called on the lawmakers to "fully support" President Pervez Musharraf's peace bid with the Indian side.

MNA/Xinhua

Bear guzzles 36 beers, passes out at campground

SEATTLE, 19 Aug— A black bear was found passed out at a campground in Washington state recently after guzzling down three dozen cans of a local beer, a campground worker said on Wednesday.

"We noticed a bear sleeping on the common lawn and wondered what was going on until we discovered that there were a lot of beer cans lying around," said Lisa Broxson, a worker at the Baker Lake Resort, 80 miles northeast of Seattle.

The hard-drinking bear,

estimated to be about two years old, broke into campers' coolers and, using his claws and teeth to open the cans, swilled down the suds.

It turns out the bear was a bit of a beer sophisticate.

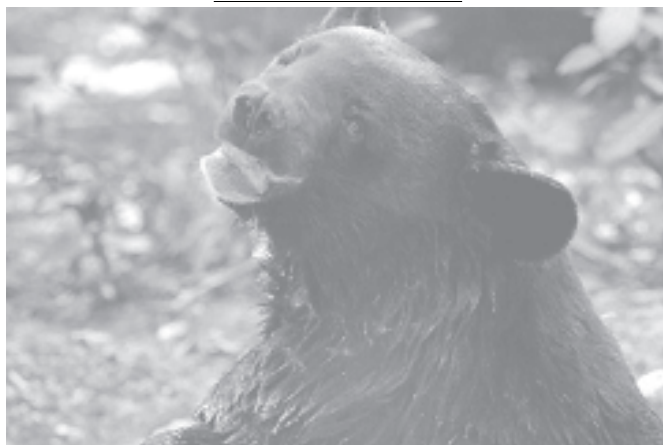
He tried a mass-market Busch beer, but switched to Rainier Beer, a local ale, and stuck with it for his

drinking binge.

Wildlife agents chased the bear away, but it returned the next day, said Broxson.

They set a trap using as bait some doughnuts, honey and two cans of Rainier Beer. It worked, and the bear was captured for relocation.

MNA/Reuters



Black bear at a zoo. Workers at a US resort were stunned to find a black bear passed out drunk on their lawn after he guzzled down 36 beers in a night of drunken revelry, they said. — INTERNET

Environmental conservation and Bago Yoma Greening project

Tin Tun (Environment/Fauna)

Of the southeast Asian nations, Myanmar is known as a country rich in aboveground and underground resources and water resources. Because of a host of problems and causes, forest resources are dwindling in most of the global countries. However, forests still cover about half the land area of Myanmar, and it is a pride for the nation. Various species of trees thrive in the forests of Myanmar, and diverse forest ecosystems do exist in forests lying in many parts of the country, thanks to climatic conditions, topographical diversity and the sea that is facing the nation in the west and south.

Different species of mangrove forests grow well in the tidal areas along the coastline and the delta, while deciduous and mixed forests, evergreen forests and mountain pine forests are flourishing in the inland regions. In the mixed and deciduous forests there grow the valuable teak, pyingado (*Xylia dolabriformis*), padauk (*Pterocarpus macrocarpus*), thitya (*Shorea obtusa*), ingyin (*Pentacme suavis*), thinwin (*Milletia pendula*) and tamalan (*Dalbergia oliveri*) trees. As Myanmar is systematically exploiting various species of hardwoods, its timber industry is earning millions of kyats and dollars every year. In addition, forests in Myanmar are home to about 300 species of mammals including rare species — elephants, tigers, leopards, wild cats, banteng, rhinoceros and tapirs; about 360 species of reptiles and over 1,000 species of birds.

In Myanmar, Bago Yoma mountain range is one of the places covered with various species of trees. Running about 300 miles from north to south, the mountain range ends at a place 30 miles north of Yangon city. Evergreen forests, deciduous and mixed forests are thriving densely on the Yoma, which is formed with mountains which are not so high, gentle slopes, numerous mountain streams and fertile soil. Another bonanza is the monsoon winds providing an abundant supply of rain water annually for the Yoma. As teak which grows on the Bago Yoma is of the highest quality, it is called 'Home of Teak'. In addition to trees, bamboo also grows in a large number of groves on the Yoma. Because of its ecosystem and biodiversity, the Yoma forests are rich in flora and fauna.

In addition to its importance for the forestry sector, Bago Yoma is also vital for the agricultural sector. Bago Division is the second largest rice growing region of the nation, and a large number of natural watercourses, which are important for agriculture, rise on the mountain range. The Yoma has also helped balance the climate, while saving cultivated fields from severe climatic conditions. The Yoma serves as a source of water for both man and animals during the summer, and provides timber for fences and houses of the local people, and various kinds of vegetables.

Because of the growing global population, the demand for food, shelter and household items is rising, and at the same time, the forest areas in many countries of the world are dwindling because of the increasing human needs. Although there is no significant decrease in the forest areas in Myanmar at present, the population growth, the enlargement of grazing grounds, the slash-and-burn cultivation practice and the felling of trees for various human needs will affect more or less, the areas covered by trees in the long run.

Of the forest areas of Myanmar, Bago Yoma is more likely to face forest depletion because of its location in the densely populated area, better transport, fertile soil and richness in timber and bamboo of higher quality. It has become a dire need to regenerate the depleted areas to make the whole Yoma lush and green again.

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe has given guidance to draw projects for ever greening of Bago Yoma. In accord with the guidance, the Ministry of Forestry has drawn the Bago Yoma Greening Project, and will implement it for five years during the period from 2004-2005 to 2008-2009. The aims of the projects are as follows:

- to help Bago Yoma perpetually exist as a region where teak forests thrive;
- to prevent forest depletion in the Yoma by means of establishing forest plantations and forest conservation, and by protecting them with law enforcement;
- to systematically conserve and maintain the watershed areas of the existing dams to provide water for agriculture;
- to set up community-owned forests, with the public participation, to help green the Yoma.

During the five years, priority areas will be fixed as follows, depending on the location of reserve forests, protected public forests and forested areas, to conduct forest conservation task:

- conservation and protection of natural forests;
- growing of valuable tree species in natural forests;
- natural regeneration;
- establishment of forest plantations and conservation of the existing plantations;

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Under the project, job opportunities will be created for those conducting slash-and-burn cultivation in the Yoma, and landless forest products poachers, by inviting them to participate in the forest conservation task and, forest villages and community-owned forest plantations will be set up as a source of income for them. Moreover, special priority will be given to natural regeneration of valuable tree species or regeneration of barren plots, establishment of forest plantations at depleted areas and conservation and nurturing of the existing plantations for environmental development of the deforested parts of reserve forests and protected public forests.

- establishment of community-owned forest plantations and model forest villages;
- extended education activities for public participation;
- implementation of the lumber-substitute fuel project;
- designation of natural teak reserves;
- forest research activities;

Bago Yoma covers 19575.38 square miles of land area including 31 townships in eight districts of Bago Division, Magway Division, Mandalay Division and Yangon Division. The following table shows the areas covered by forests:

(All land areas in acres)

Sr	Division	Townships	area	reserve forests	protected public forests	total
1.	Bago	19	6638659	2898619	366506	3265125
2.	Magway	5	2617140	507099	37720	544819
3.	Mandalay	4	2279470	957911	-	957911
4.	Yangon	3	992975	259389	-	259389
Total		31	12528244	4623018	404226	5027244

A separate project has been drawn for greening of Bago Yoma, as it lies in a densely populated region linking major cities — Magway, Meiktila, Pyay, Bago and Yangon. The Forest Department is going to implement the project in cooperation with the Tatmadaw, the Myanmar Police Force, the administrative bodies, and the related organizations in accord with the law.

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One guidance given by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe in respect of the forestry sector is as follows: "The basic resources of the nation are land, water, forests, mountains and climate. And as destruction of forests and mountains will lead to devastation of land and water, finally followed by adverse weather changes, forests must be protected and conserved."

The Bago Yoma Greening Project that is going to be undertaken in accord with the guidance of the Head of State will undoubtedly help ensure a balanced climate of Bago Division, serving as the main engine for the rice, fish and meat and forest industries of the nation. Thriving forests in Bago Yoma brings rain to the region, and prevents soil erosion due to wind or water. They also serve as the shield against strong winds and prevent floods in the towns and cultivated fields in the plains during the monsoon. In the summer, they protect the crops against the dry winds, and help balance the temperature. Because of the trees, springs continue to flow in summer, and they provide water for creeks. Trees can absorb carbon dioxide, the main culprit of the greenhouse effect today's men are suffering from. They also provide a constant flow of forest products, food, medicines and animal fodder for the rural people. As the project will render protection for and conserve flora and fauna, it will help implement the United Nations Environment Programme.

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe has already given guidance to boost production of the agricultural, forestry, meat and fish and energy sectors. He also said that priority should be given to protection and conservation of forests from depletion, regeneration of trees in forests that are getting thinner, ensuring of interactions between forest conservation and water storage at dams in implementing the 13 dry districts greening project, using of wood-substitute fuel, and establishment of village fuel wood plantations. As the Bago Yoma Greening Project covers systematic plantation of trees, protection and conservation of natural forests, extended use of wood-substitute fuels, ensuring of the inflow of water to dams, balancing of the climate, conservation of land and water, greening of the environment and boosting of agricultural and fish and meat products, I would like to urge the entire nation to render a helping hand for it.

(Translation: TMT)

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Progressive Zoning Approach to Foot and Mouth Disease Control in the Union of Myanmar

Dr Maung Maung Kyin

The first Meeting of the Myanmar Zoning Working Group (MZWG) for FMD was held at the Traders Hotel, Yangon on 5-6 January 2004 sponsored by Office International des Epizooties (OIE). By the coordination and assistance of OIE which also means World Organization for Animal Health, the meeting was hosted by the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department (LBVD), Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries. It was attended by Director General, Deputy Director General, senior officials from headquarters and State/ Divisional heads of LBVD.

The meeting was also attended by Dr John Edwards, Regional coordinator of OIE regional Coordination Unit (OIE RCU). Dr. Masao Sasaki of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Dr. Carolyn Benigno (Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and Dr. Kachen Wongsathapornchai from South East Asia FMD Campaign (OIE RCU).

At that time the welcoming article for the meeting had been mentioned in the *New Light of Myanmar* newspaper. Now the second meeting of the MZWG is being held at Sedona Hotel in Mandalay from 20 to 22 August 2004. Responsible personnel of LBVD, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, OIE RCU, Officials from regional JICA office and FAO will attend this meeting. The delegates from People's Republic of China and India will also attend the meeting for discussion in FMD control



Tongue of cow which was suffering foot and mouth disease being inspected.

activities to cooperate at the border areas. It is noted that Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) is endemic in Myanmar and moderate to high in central and western parts (eg; Rakhine State, Sagaing, Magway, Mandalay, Bago, Ayeyarwady and Yangon Divisions). The prevalence is low in Tanintharyi Division and mountainous regions where livestock densities are low and there are few inward movements. Only FMD virus type "O" and "Asia 1." are detected in the FMD outbreaks and type "A" is not well defined in the outbreaks. The working group of the meeting agreed on four FMD zoning options for further consideration.

* Option A involves a two stage approach to the Rakhine State.

* Option B is to accelerate the Myanmar- Thailand-Malay (MTM) Peninsular Campaign for FMD freedom by extension to the north of the Tanintharyi Division. Low animal movement in

the area and there were no official records of FMD outbreak after 2000. Even in 2000, that is a small outbreak in Myeik and well controlled in a short period. Therefore this option was considered feasible to establish a FMD free zone in Tanintharyi Division.

* Option C is the establishment of a buffer zone parallel to the Mekong River in Shan State. FMD control zone establishment in this area was not considered in this meeting.

* Option D is to commence work in the major livestock areas of Central and Northern Myanmar and the first would be to develop a control zone in the lower two thirds of Sagaing Division, the source of animal movements to the other States and Divisions. This could later be extended to the south to include Magway and Mandalay Divisions.

As FMD virus is

highly infectious and trans-boundary nature of the disease, the outbreaks occurs in every year in Myanmar. It can be infected to cloven hoofed animals such as cattle, buffaloes, pigs, sheep and goats. The highest incidence of the disease usually occurs during the onset of the monsoon and (May to August) and again in winter time (October to December). The first is usually observed as a progression of disease involving large number of animals along a series of village tracts. FMD outbreaks also coincide with crop plantation and harvesting. The disease is also a trade barrier for exportation of livestock and livestock products. It causes significant economic losses. Therefore every country is trying to combat the disease and to create FMD free zones to avoid the disadvantages of FMD.

National FMD Control Plan has been prepared in line with OIE disease control standards by LBVD. One of the objectives of the National control plan is to increase income, food security and quality of life of rural communities, and contribute to national agricultural output and livestock production. To implement the plan it is necessary to establish a feasible FMD control area (starting from one region) and gradually extend to neighbouring areas of the country. It is also necessary to integrate and participate in regional initiatives for improved FMD control. OIE Regional Coordination Unit assists in program management, negotiate to have external resources for

Efficient use of electricity

- * Use daylight as the main source of light
- * Use the least possible amount of electricity only if there is not enough natural light
- * Use the least possible amount of electricity required in production and service enterprises
- * Preventing waste of electricity benefits the user and others

There are about 500,000 households using electricity in Yangon. Thus, saving a four-foot fluorescent lamp everyday by each household amounts to saving power that is equal to the capacity a 20-mega-watt power station can supply.

Efficient use of fuel

- * Saving one gallon of fuel per car per month will save the nation one US dollar
- * Thus, a total of 455,822 cars in Myanmar can save US\$ 5.5 million in a year
- * The amount, US \$ 5.5 million, can build a major bridge across Ayeyawady River



Inland Water Transport Managing Director U Soe Tint presents sports gear for 33 athletes to the manager. — IWT

Sports gear presented to women football team

YANGON, 20 Aug — A ceremony to present sport equipment to the women football team of the Ministry of Transport was held in the meeting hall of Inland Water Transport this afternoon. It was attended by Inland Water Transport Managing Director U Soe Tint, General Manager U Maung Maung Lwin and officials, team coaches and managers and football players. U Soe Tint spoke on the occasion and presented sport gear for 33 athletes to the manager. — MNA

the campaign.

As part of the regional development in FMD control programme, Zoning approach in Myanmar is very important issue in South East Asia. The first meeting in Yangon in January 2004 made the recommendations for the further selection of FMD control and buffer zones using the principles for zoning. The second meeting of the progressive zoning approach to Foot and Mouth Disease in the Union of Myanmar to be held in Mandalay Sedona Hotel (20-22 August 2004) is to discuss the most effective control strategies for FMD in Myanmar and should be hailed and welcomed as another step forward by all of the stakeholders who are involving in the activities of the livestock sector in Myanmar.

Ref; The First meeting report of MWZG

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Blood collection for FMD surveillance.

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အမှတ် ၂၁၂ သိမ်ဖြူလမ်း၊ ရန်ကုန်မြို့
လျှောက်လွှာခေါ်ယူခြင်း

၁။ သတင်းနှင့်စာနယ်ဇင်းလုပ်ငန်း The New Light of Myanmar သတင်းစာတိုက်တွင် အငယ်တန်းသတင်းထောက် (သို့မဟုတ်) စာပေလက်ထောက်-၂ (လစာနှုန်းကျပ် ၅၄၀၀-၁၀၀-၅၄၀၀) ရာထူးနေရာများအတွက် သတ်မှတ်အရည်အချင်းနှင့်ပြည့်မီသူများ လျှောက်ထားနိုင်ပါသည်။

၂။ လျှောက်ထားသူသည်-

- (က) ပြည်ထောင်စု မြန်မာနိုင်ငံသားဖြစ်ရမည်။
- (ခ) တက္ကသိုလ်ဝင်စာမေးပွဲတွင် အင်္ဂလိပ်စာကို ဂုဏ်ထူးဖြင့် အောင်မြင်သူများ (နေ့ရိုင်း) (သို့မဟုတ်)အင်္ဂလိပ်ဘာသာအဓိကဖြင့် တက္ကသိုလ်တက်ရောက်နေသူများ (နေ့ရိုင်း) သို့မဟုတ် အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ အရေးအစပ်အပြောကျွမ်းကျင်ပြီး တက္ကသိုလ်တစ်ခုခု (နေ့ရိုင်း) တွင် တက်ရောက်နေသူများ
- (ဂ) နေ့/ည တာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်နိုင်သူ ဖြစ်ရမည်။

၃။ အထက်ပါအရည်အချင်းများနှင့် ကိုက်ညီသူများအား အောက်ပါအကျိုးခံစားခွင့်များ ခွင့်ပြုမည်-

- (က) တက္ကသိုလ် (နေ့ရိုင်း)သို့ တက်ရောက်ခွင့်ပြုပြီး ကျောင်းပြီးသည့်အထိ လစာကျပ် ၄၈၀၀/-ကို လစဉ်ခံစားခွင့်ပြုမည်။
- (ခ) ကျောင်းတက်နေစဉ်ကာလအတွင်း လိုအပ်သလို ကူညီထောက်ပံ့ပေးမည်။
- (ဂ) စာမေးပွဲကျွမ်းဝင်မှု ထောက်ပံ့ကြေးအားလုံးကို ပြန်လည်ပေးလျှော်ရမည်။
- (ဃ) ကျောင်းပြီးပါက အငယ်တန်းသတင်းထောက်(သို့မဟုတ်)စာပေလက်ထောက်-၂ (လစာနှုန်းကျပ်၅၄၀၀-၁၀၀-၅၄၀၀) ရာထူးတွင်ခန့်ထားမည်။
- (င) အနည်းဆုံးလုပ်သက် တစ်ဆက်တည်း (၁၀)နှစ် တာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်ရမည်။ ဖျက်ကွက်ခြင်း၊ရပ်စဲခြင်း၊ထုတ်ပယ်ခြင်းခံရပါက ကျပ်၂၅၀၀၀၀/-/နှစ်ဆယ်ငါးဆယ်) ပေးလျှော်ရမည်ဖြစ်ကြောင်း ကတိခံရန်ရည်ရွယ်ရမည်။
- (စ) လုပ်ငန်းတွင်ထူးချွန်ပါက ပြည်ပသင်တန်းများသို့ စေလွှတ်သင်ကြားပေးမည်။

၄။ လျှောက်လွှာများကို အောက်ပါစာရွက်စာတမ်းများဖြင့်လျက် သတင်းနှင့်စာနယ်ဇင်းလုပ်ငန်း (ရုံးချုပ်)၊ ညွှန်ကြားရေးမှူး (သတင်း)၊ အမှတ်-၂၁၂ သိမ်ဖြူလမ်း၊ ရန်ကုန်မြို့သို့ ၂၀-၉-၂၀၀၄ရက်နေ့၊ နောက်ဆုံးထား၍ အရောက်ပေးပို့ရမည်-

- (က) တက္ကသိုလ်ဝင်စာမေးပွဲ အောင်လက်မှတ်မိတ္တူနှင့် အမှတ်စာရင်းမိတ္တူ
- (ခ) သက်ဆိုင်ရာမြို့နယ်ရဲစခန်းမှ လျှောက်လွှာပို့ရန်မတိုင်မီ (၆) လအတွင်း ရရှိထားသည့် ပြစ်မှုကင်းရှင်းကြောင်းထောက်ခံချက်မူရင်း
- (ဂ) မြို့နယ်အလုပ်သမားညွှန်ကြားရေးဦးစီးဌာနတွင် အလုပ်သမားမှတ်ပုံတင်ထားသည့် အလလခ ပုံစံ(၂)တော်ပုံမိတ္တူတစ်စောင်
- (ဃ) လိုင်စင်စာတံပုံနှစ်ပုံ (စာတံပုံ နောက်ကျောတွင် အမည်နှင့် နိုင်ငံသားစိစစ်ရေးကတ် အမှတ်ရေးသားရန်)
- (င) ဝင်ကြေးငွေ ကျပ် ၂၀၀/-ပေးသွင်းသည့်စုလန်မူရင်း (သို့မဟုတ်) စာတိုက်ငွေပို့လွှာ (Money Order)ပြောစာမူရင်း

၅။ စာမေးပွဲဝင်ကြေး ငွေကျပ်၂၀၀/- ကို ရန်ကုန်မြို့၊ မြန်မာစီးပွားရေးဘဏ်၊ စက်မှုလက်မှုဌေးဌာန စာရင်းအမှတ် (SEE 4201-N) သို့လည်းကောင်း၊ သက်ဆိုင်ရာစာတိုက်မှတစ်ဆင့် ဤလုပ်ငန်း(ရုံးချုပ်) သို့ ငွေပို့လွှာ (Money Order) ဖြင့်လည်းကောင်း ပေးသွင်းရမည်။

၆။ အသေးစိတ် အကြောင်းအရာများကို သတင်းနှင့် စာနယ်ဇင်းလုပ်ငန်း (ရုံးချုပ်)တယ်လီဖုန်း အမှတ် ၂၄၄၆၂၁၁၁ နှုတ်ခေါ်နိုင်ပါသည်။

UNION OF MYANMAR
MINISTRY OF RAIL TRANSPORTATION
MYANMA RAILWAYS
INVITATION TO SEALED TENDER

1. Sealed Tenders are invited by Myanma Railways, for supply of the following Spare Parts for Garrett Turbocharger which will be purchased in US Dollars and Myanmar Kyats:-

Sr. No	Tender No.	Description	Quantity
1.	12(T)24/MR (ML) 2004-2005	Spare Parts for Garrett Turbocharger	1- Lot (13- Items)

Closing Date.- 20.9.2004 (Monday) (12:00) Hours.

2. Tender documents are available at the office of the Deputy General Manager (Supply), Myanma Railways, Corner of 51st Street Botataung, Yangon starting from 20.8.2004 during the office hours.

3. For further details please call: 291982, 201555 Ext-602,605,612

Deputy General Manager
Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Botataung Yangon

ပန်းမန်သစ်ပင် လေသန့်စင်၍ ဥယျာဉ်တောတန်း စိတ်ရွှင်လန်း၏။

ပြည်တွင်းပြင်ပကိုအားပေးပါ

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MYANMA RAILWAYS
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1. Sealed Tenders are invited by Myanma Railways, for supply of the following Materials which will be purchased in Myanmar Kyats:-

Tender No-24/MA MA/Local/GNL (CME)

Sr. No	Description	Quantity
1.	Waste Cotton	(20000)-Lb
2.	Painting Materials	(1)- Lot
3.	CO ₂ Wire	(1)- Lot
4.	GI Pipe & Accessories	(1)- Lot
5.	Bolt & Nut	(1)- Lot
6.	Foam Rubber	(1)- Lot
7.	Basin & Camode	(1)- Lot
8.	Emery Cloth & Saw Blade	(1)- Lot
9.	Battery 12V. 200 & 150 Ah	(24)- Nos
10.	Bearing Spring 11D	(400)- Nos
11.	Perspex Sheet 8' x 4' x 5 t	(1000)- Sht

Closing Date.- 1.9.2004 (Wednesday) (12:00) Hours.

2. Tender documents are available at the office of the Deputy General Manager (Supply), Myanma Railways, Corner of 51st Street and Merchant Street, Botataung, Yangon starting from 19.8.2004 during the office hours.

3. For further details please call: 291982, 291994, 201555 Ext-602,613

Deputy General Manager
Supply Department, Myanma Railways,
Botataung Yangon

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1. Sealed Tenders are invited by Myanma Railways, for supply of the following Telecommunication Equipment which will be purchased in Myanmar Kyats:-

Sr. No	Description	Quantity
1.	Auto Telephone	110-Nos.
2.	PVC Insulation Drop Cable	100- Coils.
3.	Battery Charger 12V, 10A	12- Nos

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Group says illegal logging a threat to prized timber

KUALA LUMPUR, 20 Aug — Trade in a valuable tropical timber used in everything from picture frames to billiard cues needs greater control to limit habitat destruction and prevent over-harvesting, an environment group said on Thursday.

TRAFFIC, a wildlife trade monitoring network, said illegal harvesting of Ramin trees was threatening the future trade of the species and damaging fragile forest areas home to other plants and animals.

Ramin is extensively harvested in Indonesia and Malaysia and some shipments go through Singapore. The timber is much sought after in the furniture trade because of its lightness, straight grain and blond colour. Despite its popularity, few consumers know its name.

"Our main concern with the legal Ramin trade is that production remains sustainable. Legal trade from Indonesia is sustainable but illegal trade tips the balance," said Chen Hin Keong, senior forest trade adviser for TRAFFIC in the Malaysian capital, Kuala Lumpur.

"Our concern is the wider concern about the logging industry," Chen said.

"Ramin is just symptomatic. What we would like to see is governments enforcing their own legal controls to protect and manage their forests. This is not happening consistently enough."

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A white-tail buck deer stands in the field of Rodney and Dianne Miller's farm in Knox, Pa, on 5 Aug, 2003. Jeffrey Spence, a deer breeder, was charged on 13 Aug, 2004, with stealing the massive buck worth perhaps hundreds of thousands of dollars from breeder Rodney Miller nearly five years ago. — INTERNET

More rain threatens England's flooded village

BOSCASTLE (England), 20 Aug—More rain showers threatened to hamper cleanup efforts on Wednesday in southwest England's flood-ravaged village of Boscastle as residents waited to return to their sodden homes.

The Meteorological Office issued a "severe" weather warning for the area and said more local flooding was likely.

But a spokesman said floodwaters would be "nowhere near" the scale of Monday when torrents of rainwater surged through the north Cornwall village, sweeping cars out to sea and forcing people to take refuge in trees and on rooftops.

Several people remained "unaccounted for", but authorities said they did not believe anyone had died and those

considered missing may simply have been tourists who were safe but whose relatives had not managed to contact them.

However, they did not rule out the possibility of finding bodies trapped in cars still submerged underwater.

Two police sniffer dogs were brought in to help in the search for bodies.

"Fortunately, we haven't found anyone dead or injured but we haven't recovered all of the cars yet, so we can't be 100 per cent sure," said a

spokeswoman for Cornwall County Fire Brigade.

She said a team of building engineers was checking every home in the village of about 800 people to ensure each was structurally sound before allowing residents to return. Owners of the least damaged buildings were expected to begin returning home by Wednesday afternoon.

Prince Charles was due to visit Boscastle later in the afternoon to survey the damage and meet villagers.

MNA/Reuters

Developing nations push debt relief for Africa

DURBAN (South Africa), 20 Aug—The world's developing nations vowed on Wednesday to push debt relief for Africa, saying rich countries and lenders must boost efforts to pull the world's poorest continent out of its economic spiral.

The Non-Aligned Movement, whose 115 members form one of the largest international groups aside from the United Nations, said it would urge more aid and investment for Africa as well as more African input into decisions on their economic affairs.

"The Movement supports enhanced debt relief for Highly Indebted Poor Countries, but seeks quicker delivery of this debt relief," said one ambassador from the Caribbean.

"Debt relief and Western market access for African goods are key components and will be included in the official declaration of the minister's meeting," the ambassador added.

African countries owe the International Monetary Fund, World Bank and Group of Eight (G-8) industrialized nations hundreds of billions of dollars and say debt repayments are crippling them.

The G-8 has agreed to extend its Highly Indebted Poor Countries debt relief programme through 2006, but poor countries say this is not enough to pull them out of poverty.

By taking up the issue of debt relief for Africa, the Non-Aligned Movement is staking out new diplomatic territory for itself. The group

was formed in 1961 as a third way between the Cold War rivalry of Western and Communist blocs.

While some Asian members of the group have seen rapid economic growth, many of the 53 African nations which belong to it remain among the poorest countries in the world.

MNA/Reuters

Britain gives \$9.15m food aid to Kenya

NAIROBI, 20 Aug — Britain on Wednesday pledged 9.15 million US dollars to help Kenya deal with a drought-sparked food crisis, but warned the aid should be distributed "properly, equitably and transparently".

Britain's Ambassador to Kenya, High Commissioner Edward Clay, last month criticized the Kenyan Government as arrogant, greedy and tolerant of "new corruption" since President Mwai Kibaki came to power in 2002 and pledged to end graft.

The United States, Japan and the European Union have warned Kenya they may freeze donations due to corruption.

On Wednesday, Britain's Department for International Development offered the money in response to Kibaki's international appeal for donations to help stem massive crop failures he has called a national disaster.

"The incidence of severe malnutrition throughout the country requires urgent action by all parties," said Simon Bland, the head of Britain's International Development office in Kenya.

"We strongly encourage other international donors to respond and urge the government to do what it can to increase its own contribution." Kenya needs 166,000 tons of food aid to feed about 2.3 million people.

Bland cautioned Kenya to distribute all of the duty-free maize it imports "properly, equitably and transparently".

International aid only restarted late last year after a three-year hiatus due to graft that flourished under former president Daniel arap Moi's 24-year rule.

Kenya last week named five companies to import two million 90-kilo bags of maize, a staple. Another two million bags are expected to come in through the private sector, all duty-free. — MNA/Reuters

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SPORTS

Last minute goal gives Belarus shock 2-1 win over Turkey

ISTANBUL, 19 Aug — Belarus handed Turkey the worst possible warm-up result before the 2002 World Cup semifinalists begin their next World Cup qualifying campaign against Georgia when they beat them 2-1 in a friendly on Wednesday.

Turkey took the lead when veteran Hakan Sukur latched onto an overhead kick from Tuncay Sanli and drove the ball past Belarus keeper Vasily Khomutovsky in the 14th minute.

While Turkey, who face Georgia on September 4, had the majority of possession, the visitors kept probing away in the second half and were rewarded when Vyacheslav Gleb headed past goalkeeper Rustu Recber from close range in the 67th minute.

Belarus snatched victory in the final minute when Recber ran out of his area to clear the ball only for Belarus to keep possession and substitute Denis Kovba then lobbed the ball into the empty goal, silencing the sell-out crowd of 18,000 in the southwestern town of Denizli. — MNA/Reuters



United States captain Claudio Reyna, center, is chased by Jamaica's Andy Williams, right, and Ian Goodison during the CONCACAF semifinal round qualifier match for the 2006 World Cup at the National Stadium in Kingston, Jamaica, on 18 Aug, 2004. The match ended 1-1. — Internet

Real Madrid's "Galacticos" to spend more time on sidelines

MADRID, 19 Aug — Real Madrid's "galacticos" will have to get used to spending more time on the bench this season according to coach Jose Antonio Camacho.

"In every game there will be one or two players who think they are going to play but won't because others will be doing their job well and will have earned their place in the side," Camacho told Spanish sports daily Marca on Wednesday.

"During the course of the season, though, there will be plenty of chances and there will be a role for everyone in the team."

Camacho said he was not upset by the club's decision to recruit English striker Michael Owen when he had called for reinforcements in defence, but made it clear that he expected his request to be met before the beginning of the season.

"Football is now a very different game," he said. "Real Madrid have a policy of trying

to make a worldwide impact so they sign players to achieve that aim.

"I'm convinced that the team has certain gaps that need to be filled and we are looking to do that, but it is not as easy as it seems."

"I don't mind waiting though and I'm sure we'll sign another player before the league season begins."

Inter Milan and Italy defender Fabio Cannavaro is reported to top Real's list of potential new recruits, but the club have also been linked with Argentine centre back Fabricio Coloccini who is owned by AC Milan.

Real's opening Primera League match is at Real Mallorca on August 29.

MNA/Reuters

New-look France held to 1-1 draw by Bosnia

RENNES (France), 19 Aug — A new-look France side, shorn by the retirements of several players after Euro 2004, were held to a disappointing 1-1 draw by Bosnia in an international friendly on Wednesday.

The French, who started the game with four uncapped players after the retirements of inspirational playmaker Zinedine Zidane and defenders Bixente Lizarazu, Marcel Desailly and Lilian Thuram, went in front courtesy of a close-range shot from striker Péguy Luyindula in the seventh minute.

But Bosnia equalized on their first clear chance when midfielder Mirsad Beslija slotted home a cross from Elvir Baljic seven minutes from the interval.

Arsenal striker Thierry Henry also had a penalty saved by Kenan Hasajic in the 18th minute and the Bosnia goalkeeper proved his side's best player, providing several dramatic saves in the first half.

MNA/Reuters

Czech Republic holds Greece 0-0

PRAGUE, 19 Aug — The Czech national soccer team tied with Greece 0-0 in a friendly match here Wednesday evening.

This match was seen as the "retaliation" for the defeat that Czechs suffered from Greeks at the Euro 2004 in Portugal in July, in which the Czech team was knocked out in the semifinals.

The changes in the Czech team is that injured Pavel Nedved was replaced by Roman Tyce and David Rozehnal replaced Tomas Ujfalusi at central defence.

MNA/Xinhua

Beckham inspires England to 3-0 win over Ukraine

NEWCASTLE (England), 19 Aug — England's under-fire captain David Beckham enjoyed a morale-boosting, goal-scoring return to form after a disappointing Euro 2004 as his side crushed Ukraine 3-0 in a friendly international on Wednesday.

An inspired Beckham put England on course for an emphatic win by striking his first goal for his country in open play for 18 months and then set up his Real Madrid teammate Michael Owen to score his 27th goal for his country in his 61st game.

Manchester City midfielder Shaun Wright-Phillips, a second half substitute, sealed an emphatic victory in the 72nd minute with a brilliant individual goal on his England debut.

Beckham's goal and his assist were the highlights of an industrious performance from the midfielder that provided the platform for the most ideal of warm-ups for England's 2006 World Cup qualifying campaign that begins against Austria in Vienna on September 4. Beckham's overall display as well as his 14th goal in his 73rd international also helped ease the pressure on England coach Sven-Goran Eriksson.

Eriksson was heavily criticized by the British media after England bowed out in the quarterfinals of the European Championship in June and recently found himself at the centre of a sex scandal that rocked the Football Association.

Beckham gave England the lead in the

27th minute when he slid in to score after centre-back John Terry popped up on the right wing to fire in a speculative long-distance shot that caught out goalkeeper Oleksandr Shovkovskyy.

The opening goal came against the run of play as the Ukrainians created two decent opportunities -- one that was wasted by Ruslan Rotan and another that saw David James pull off a full-length save to deny Ukraine captain Andriy Shevchenko.

Beckham helped strengthen England's grip on the game when he created space on the right to send over a cross with his less favoured left foot that Owen confidently nodded past the helpless Shovkovskyy from five metres in the 50th minute.

Tottenham striker Jermain Defoe, who replaced the disappointing Alan Smith at halftime, had a glorious chance to open his England account but hit his shot wide when unmarked in the penalty area.

Wright-Phillips, the adopted son of former England striker Ian Wright, seized possession just inside his own half and skilfully raced towards goal before unleashing an angled, low shot from the edge of the box and inside the far post. — MNA/Reuters

Weary Japan beaten again by Argentina

TOKYO, 19 Aug — Argentina maintained their mastery over newly-crowned Asian champions Japan with a comfortable 2-1 victory at Shizuoka Stadium Ecopa on Wednesday.

Goals from Luciano Galletti and Mario Santana early and late in the first half put Argentina in control while Takayuki Suzuki pulled one back for Japan in the 73rd minute.

Argentina have won all seven internationals between the two countries since 1988.

Argentina, runners-up in the recent Copa America, were without many of their top players and their coach Marcelo Bielsa, who was in Athens with the Olympic squad, but looked a class above the weary Asian champions.

They went 1-0 up after four minutes when Diego Placente and Santana caused confusion in the Japanese box and Santana's miss-hit shot fell kindly for Galletti to convert.

Argentina dominated the first half and came close to a second goal after 37 minutes when Juan Roman Riquelme threaded a pass through to Placente who shot against the crossbar.

Three minutes later Riquelme found Santana in acres of space on the left of the penalty area and the midfielder calmly shot past goalkeeper Seigo Narazaki.

Japan could not muster a shot in the first half and Zico removed Asian Cup hero Yuji Nakazawa and fellow defender Makoto Tanaka and reverted to a flat back four.

MNA/Reuters

Klinsmann starts Germany reign with 3-1 Austria win

VIENNA, 19 Aug — A Kevin Kuranyi hat-trick against Austria gave Juergen Klinsmann a victorious start as Germany coach on Wednesday, but the 3-1 scoreline flattered his side, who struggled at times against their Alpine neighbours.

A combative Austrian tested Germany's defence with quick counters but the Germans had the lion's share of possession and eventually grabbed hold of an open but scrappy match.

That pressure paid off early on. Just 90 seconds into the match, Michael Ballack strolled through a gormless Austrian defence and laid the ball wide to Kuranyi, who shot past a wrong-footed Thomas Mandl.

Germany looked comfortable after taking the lead but their dominance lasted only eight minutes.

Austrian midfielder Martin Amerhauser found space on the corner of Germany's penalty area and blasted the ball into the far corner.

The equalizer helped Austria's defence regain their composure, and their midfield asserted themselves higher up the field, offering stiff resistance for the rest of the half and mainly restricting Germany to shots from outside the area.

Austria took that confidence into the second half, and the game swung from end to end until Kuranyi broke the deadlock by nodding in a limp cross from short range

MNA/Reuters



Ivan Lee (L) of the US flies as he lunges at Russia's Stanislav Pozdniakov (R) during the men's fencing team sabre bronze medal duels at the Athens 2004 Olympic Games on 19 Aug, 2004. — INTERNET

MRTV -3**21-8-2004 (Saturday)
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- 9:00 Signature Tune
Greeting
9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
9:06 Exciting
Adventurous
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9:10 **Headline News**
9:12 Marine Industries in
Taungok Township
9:15 **National News**
9:20 Floral Lovers Para-
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9:30 **National News**
9:35 Software evolve
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9:40 Song "A Country
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9:45 **National News**
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19:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
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**Saturday, August 21
Tune in today:**

- 8:30 am Brief news
8:35 am Music: Learning
by living
8:40 am Perspectives
8:45 am Music:
-I need love
8:55 am National news/
Slogan
9:05 am Music:
- Good bye
9:10 am International
News
9:15 am Music
(Spotlight on a
Star)
1:30 pm News/Slogan
1:40 pm Request
-Sometimes love
just ain't enough
-I wanna take
forever tonight
-Where would I
be
9:00 pm ASEAN review
-News
9:10 pm Article
9:20 pm Myanmar culture
by Dr. Khin
Maung Nyunt
-The largest
sitting Buddha
Image
9:30 am Souvenirs
-If we are only
friends
-Send me the
pillow that you
dream on
9:45 pm News/Slogan
10:00 pm PEL

**Rainfall on
20-8-2004**

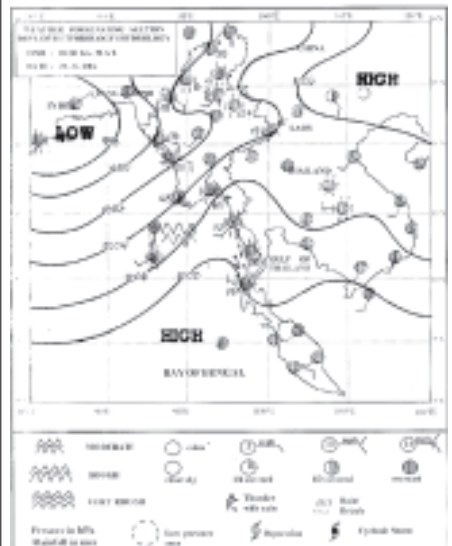
- 0.83 inch at
Yangon Airport,
— 0.71 inch at
Kaba-Aye,
— 0.71 inch at Cen-
tral Yangon.

**Thiri Pyan Chi U Kyi Maung
(Ex Colonel BC-3516)****Age (86) years**

No. 24, Kanbawza Avenue, Bahan Town-
ship, Yangon, beloved husband of Daw Kyi Kyi
Thar, beloved father of (U Kyi Soe), (U Pyi Soe)
and Daw Myint Myint (BEPS-No 3 Bahan), U
Aung Thant and Daw Khin Myo Kyi, U Maung
Maung, passed away at 12:15 pm on 19-8-2004.

Funeral cortege will leave the Yeway Mor-
tuary for Yeway Cemetery at 10:00 am on 21-8-
2004 (Saturday) for cremation.

Cars will leave the above residence at 09:00
am.

Bereaved Family**Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighboring Areas****WEATHER****Friday, 20 August 2004**

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours
MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly
cloudy in Mandalay Division and rain have been scattered
in Magway Divisions and Kayah State and widespread in
the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Ayeyawady
Division and isolated heavyfalls in Mon State and Bago
Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded
were Myaungmya 4.13 inches, Pyapon 3.86 inches, Yay
3.46 inches and Patheingyi 3.11 inches.

Maximum temperature on 19-8-2004 was 82°F. Mini-
mum temperature on 20-8-2004 was 68°F. Relative hu-
midity at 9:30 hrs MST on 20-8-2004 was 100%. Total
sunshine hours on 19-8-2004 was 0.2 hour approx. Rain-
fall on 20-8-2004 was 21mm (0.83 inch) at Yangon Air-
port, 18mm (0.71 inch) at Kaba-Aye, 18mm (0.71 inch) at
central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 2340mm
(92.13 inches) at Yangon Airport, 2294mm (90.32 inches)
at Kaba-Aye and 2284mm (89.92 inches) at central
Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye)
was 10 mph from Southeast at 16:55 hours MST on 19-
8-2004.

Bay inference: Monsoon is strong in the Bay of
Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 21-8-2004:** Rain
will be isolated in lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway
Divisions and scattered in Kayah and Shan States and
widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of iso-
lated heavyfall in Mon State, Ayeyawady and Yangon
Divisions. Degree of certainty is 100%. **State of the sea:**
Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off
and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls
may reach (35) to (40) mph. **Outlook for subsequent
two days:** Strong monsoon. **Forecast for Yangon and
neighbouring area for 21-8-2004:** Some rain. Degree of
certainty is (100%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neigh-
bouring area for 21-8-2004:** Likelihood of isolated rain
or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 60%. **Weather
outlook for third weekend of August 2004:** During the
coming weekend, rain will be widespread in Yangon
Division and isolated in Mandalay Division.

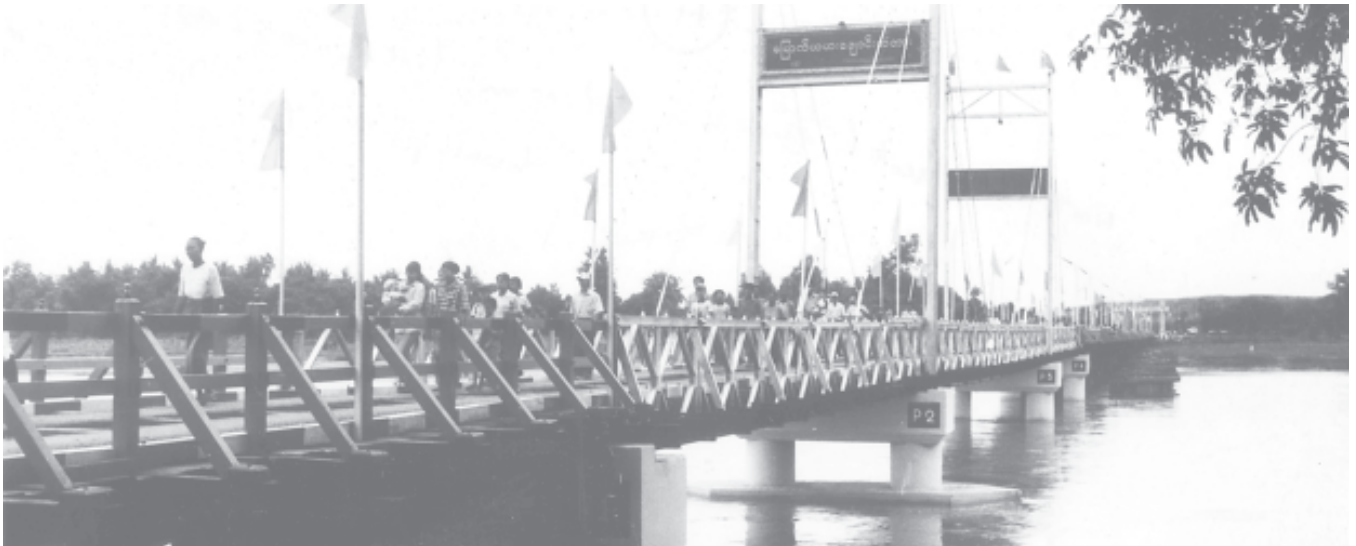
**Saturday, August 21
View on today:**

- 7:00 am
1. Recitation of Parittas
by Missionary Say-
daw U Ottamathara
7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise
7:30 am
3. Morning news
7:40 am
4. Nice and sweet song
7:50 am
5. Dance Variety
8:05 am
6. အထိပျံ့
8:15 am
7. ဓမ္မတိုင်းတိုင်းပုထိုးလုံးတံတား
8:30 am
8. International news

- 8:45 am
9. Grammar Made Easy
11:00 am
1. Martial song
11:10 am
2. Musical programme
11:40 am
3. Games for children
12:05 pm
4. Round-up of the
week's TV local news
12:55 pm
5. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
"သစ္စာရရှိစံနံ့" (အပိုင်း-၁၅)
1:25 pm
6. ပြန်ပေါ်ရတနာပရိယာဇ်စဉ်းများမှ
တိုင်းရင်းသားတို့ရရှိသော
1:35 pm
7. လောကနီတိ(၂)
"မိတ်ကောင်းစော်မိန့်"
ကိုကိုလင်းဇာတ်မြို့သန္တာထွန်း၊
ခင်ထိုင်းရီစီစဉ်
(ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်စော်)
2:10 pm
8. Musical programme
2:25 pm
9. Dance of national races

- 2:35 pm
10. ရုတ်သီးသားစောရေလှောင်တံတား
2:45 pm
11. International news
4:00 pm
1. Martial song
4:15 pm
2. Songs to uphold
National Spirit
4:30 pm
3. English for Everyday
Use
4:45 pm
4. Musical programme
5:00 pm
5. အစားသင့်တရားသို့လှည့်
ရန်ပြင်ဆင်ကြားသင့်စနံ့စာ
-ဒုတိယပုဒ် (သရုပ်အထူးပြု)
(သရုပ်)
5:15 pm
6. ပြုပြင်ပြင်ဆင်ကြည့်ရှုစရာ
5:30 pm
7. ရာဇဝင်နိယာမလက်သံ
5:40 pm
8. Musical Programme
5:50 pm
9. လမ်းတံတား

- 5:55 pm
10. Games for children
6:20 pm
11. Musical programme
6:30 pm
12. Evening news
7:00 pm
13. Weather report
7:05 pm
14. Discovery
7:10 pm
15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
"ရန်ကြီးသွယ်တိုင်းရင်းသား"
(အပိုင်း-၇)
7:40 pm
16. ကျေးလက်သေသင်္စုံစုံ
အလှဆင်
8:00 pm
17. News
18. International news
19. Weather report
20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
"နုလုံးသားထဲတစ်စုံတည်း"
သောအရပ် (အပိုင်း-၁၇)
21. The next day's
programme



The North Yama Creek Bridge linking Yontaw Village of Yinnabin Township and Aungchantha village of Salingyi Township in Saging Division. — MNA

Chinese goodwill delegation arrives

YANGON, 20 Aug — At the invitation of Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thien Lin, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee, A five-member Chinese delegation led by Mr Xu Ruqi, President of Yangogzhou Environment Resources Technical College of the People's Republic of China, arrived here by air this morning. They were welcome at the Yangon International Airport by YCDC Vice-Chairman Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa and committee members, heads of division and officials. MNA

Arrangements of APT, Srilankan airlines explained

YANGON, 20 Aug — A ceremony to explain arrangements of APT Airlines and Srilanka Airlines for the convenience of passengers was held at Sedona Hotel on 7 August. Officials explained the arrangements of the two airlines. Next, officials of Srilankan Airlines answered the queries. — MNA

Mayor inspects repair works on damage roads

YANGON, 20 Aug — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thien Lin, accompanied by Head of Engineering Department (Roads/Bridges), inspected damages of the roads due to heavy rainfalls in Yangon City and gave necessary instructions.

The Mayor inspected sanitation and dredging of drains along the road in front of International School in Golden Valley, Bahan Township, tasks to repave Kanbawza Road and sanitation of drains for its proper flow of water. After leaving necessary instructions, the Mayor attended to their needs. — MNA



Police Lt-Col Yalian Hmon gives talks on prevention against trafficking in Women and Children. — MNA

NAM FMs meet on renewed spirit of multilateralism

DURBAN (South Africa), 20 Aug — Amid increasing unilateralism, foreign ministers of the 116-member Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) join their hands here Thursday to press for a renewed spirit of multilateralism and equality between rich and poor nations.

The 14th Ministerial Conference of NAM, a "mid-term review" between the last heads of state and government summit in Malaysia last year and the next in Cuba in 2006, comes at a time when the threat of large-scale international terrorism made it clear that multilateral cooperation is the only way to grapple with transnational challenges of global peace and security, and when progress on the development goals, agreed to at major international conferences over the past years, needs to be accelerated.

The opening of the one-day conference, with the theme "Challenges for Multilateralism in the 21st Century," will be highlighted by messages from Julian Hunte, president of the 58th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, and UN Assistant Secretary-General Tulianeni Kalomoh, who will represent UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

Almost all major issues around the world will be considered by the participants.

Specific topics to be discussed at the meeting include post conflict peace-building activities, terrorism, peaceful settlement of disputes, North-South dialogue, South-South cooperation, external debt, and food security.

A statement, called the Final Document, will be adopted at the end of the meeting, putting forward NAM's positions on the issues.

Chinese Vice-Foreign Minister Wang Yi will participate in the meeting as an observer. China is one of 29 participants of the 1955 Asia-Africa Conference in Bandung, Indonesia, which led to the establishment of NAM in 1961.

At the 2003 summit, South African President and then NAM Chairman Thabo Mbeki delivered a plea for peace and for member countries to do everything possible to "protect and advance the principle and practice of multilateralism, against the tendency toward unilateralism".

The summit was dominated by the issue of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq and the possibility of the United States-led attack on that country. NAM, the largest political grouping outside the United Nations, mainly consisting of developing countries, originated in the 1955 meeting of 29 Asian and African countries, at which heads of state discussed issues of common concern including colonialism and the influence of the West. — MNA/Xinhua

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Talks on prevention against trafficking in Women and Children held

YANGON, 20 Aug — The Working Group for Prevention against trafficking in Women and Children of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation conducted talks on prevention against trafficking in Women and Children at Aungmyingala Hall of the Prisons Department in Insein Township here this morning.

Present on the occasion were Advisers to the Working Group Home Affairs Minister's wife Daw Khin Hla Hla and Deputy Minister's wife Daw San San Wai, Leader Daw Khin May Soe and members, and staff and family members of the General Administration Department and the Prisons Department numbering over 250. — MNA

State-owned Rolar Wheat Mill to be sold through competitive bidding

YANGON, 19 Aug — The State-owned Rolar Wheat Mill, No 807 on Bogyoke Aung San Street, Lanmadaw Township, Yangon Division, will be sold through competitive bidding.

Those wishing to purchase the mill are to submit the prescribed proposals to the Privatization Commission Office not later than 20 September 2004. Priority will be given to the original owner if he or she is the Myanmar national and offers prices equal to that of others who submit the prescribed proposals. Sound evidences are to be presented to prove original ownership. If the owners are the ones who sharing inheritance will have to present the original letters of authority.

For further information, contacts are to be made to the Privatization Commission Office (Progress Appraisal & Progress Reporting Department, No 313, Bo Aung Kyaw Street, Yangon) Tel 245506, 245516, 245537. The floor price of the mill is K 408.905 million. — MNA